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# Chapter 77: Battle of the Fortress City 1

Indeed I am still not good at flying. Once I circled, I will lose my direction. I can't even fly in a straight line without wobbling around. Mia who can't seem to take it, pulled my hand.

「Sorry.」

「Ah. There is something called the right man in the right place. We can't expect much from Kazu-chi who is bad at physical stuff.」

No matter how she commented, I can't rebate because my flying skills are that unreliable. It is so irritating until I am about to lose sight of my target and use my MP to summon the griffin. After all if I am on the back of the familiar then there will be no problem.

.....there won't be any problem right?

That was what I thought.

I shall not mention about that for now as we lowered our altitude slowly at around the speed of a car and glide about 1m above the grassland. The grass that grew tall moved like surging waves. It is during such times that we can enjoy the joys of flying.

The 2 Wind Elementals and the crow flew together with me.

Currently we are on the south side of the cliff, flying toward the north, so to the enemies, we are flying with the light behind us. It will be hard for our figures to be discovered. But to us, it is very easy to observe our enemies.

I used one of my hand to hold the binoculars to observe the city's surroundings. The city wall that is destroyed is on the west side of the city.

The Giants have broken through the city walls until the other side, while crushing the soldiers along the walls with their hands. After the 6 Giants passed through, there isn't any figures of the soldiers protecting the walls left.

Are they completely wiped out or did they run away? Well defending the city wall that is like that, is like asking for death, so they probably ran away.



The green skinned humanoids took the chance to approach the wall. Using rope ladders, they worked together to scale the wall. The green-skinned are helping each other, showing the spirit of cooperation.

These fellows are smarter than the orcs. This is not good.

Until now we have been using strategies of fighting against those whose brains are not that good.

This time, it will probably be different from the past. No, if we acted like in the past, we will, no doubt, suffer a strong counter attack.

「It feels like the ending of beginner tutorial.」

I don't even wish to think that the intense battles that we had until yesterday were nothing but some tutorial for beginners, but our will to fight probably still exist.

Currently there is only the 2 of us. And our vanguards are weak. Since we don't have our strong cards, Arisu and Tamaki, we have to be more careful with our actions.

If necessary, we may have to decide whether to abandon the battle. The worst situation is to ignore the city and escape. Of course we are still trying not to move towards such a direction.....

「Kazu-chi, let's take a detour.」

Mia changed our route slightly to the right. That is a place where it can't be seen from the area where the walls have collapsed. I am guessing Mia is intending on approaching the outer walls first.

At the first glance, there is no sign of any soldiers on the city walls. Are all of them out to engage the enemies that appeared on the interior? Such a rash and desperate battle. But to them, this is a battle to protect their home.

Even if we took care to fly carefully, there was enough time to fly there. We finally reached the city walls.

The walls created by stones seems quite easy to be destroyed. There are even moss on the walls. Are they properly maintained? Or they don't even have the concept of maintaining? Or perhaps this have existed in the past and they are

just continuing to use it.

After we approached, we discovered that there are moats dug around the city walls. The moats near the collapsed wall are probably filled up with rocks thrown by the Giants previously.

The monster army is probably moving according to a plan.

Then what exactly is happening on the other side of the wall..... Let's use the crow and 《Remote Viewing》 to investigate the interior first.

There are completely nobody from our side of the city walls until the other end. There should be some reason for this distance battle. It seems like there is nobody assigned to this area.

Such a formation, what if the enemies feinted them. Or they believed that feints are impossible?

「Or perhaps they don't even have the spare manpower.」Mia mumbled in a small voice.

I see, that is also possible.

Actually just now when I used the crow to scout, the number of soldiers that I discovered was around that much too.

We are able to tell the number of soldiers, there are many people who we can't differentiate from civilians or soldiers.....

Or rather it should be said that the equipments of the soldiers are quite messy. It is to the extent that they numbered above 100 but below 200.

Ah, even if we continue to think, nothing will happen. Mia recast the flying magic on me and herself. Then we fly up the city wall.

We surveyed the city on the city wall. From a high point, we looked at the area where the wall collapsed.

What is happening there, is a massacre.

The 6 Giants crushed the houses and sent both the soldiers and the roadblocks flying.

But the soldiers are not just waiting for death.

Dozens of arrows flew towards a Giant.

The Giant used his hand to protect his head and with a light swing of his arm, the arrows that flew over are knocked down.

The arrows are completely unable to penetrate the Giant's skin. The archers on the buildings have witnessed the overwhelming difference in strength.

At this time, the green skinned soldiers shot arrows over. The human archers were shot dead.

「Those green-skin used the Giants as shields and defeated the surrounding enemies. Their cooperation is not bad.....」

「Hobgoblin」

My reaction is 「huh?」.

「Hobgoblin. They are the superior species of the goblins that commonly appears in games, in the same class as orcs.」

「That is.....Hobgoblins? Or rather the goblins haven't even appeared yet!」

「Just a temporary name only. If we call them goblins, it feels unsuitable as goblins are usually portrayed as small-sized.」

Indeed, that was very true!

After all it is just a name. If it is successful, we will know its name.

But the white room did not tell us the names of the Hellhounds and the Giant Wasps.

N...no? It is because we named it first, so that is why it didn't tell us?

Regarding this assumption Mia mumbled「perhaps it is like this」in a small voice, then she raised her head and looked at me.

「But anything is fine for now. It is not important anyway.」

「Ah, ah ah, yes.」

「Even in Atreim., it is about monsters. There are even more amazing monsters.」(TL note: アトリーム= Atreim, apparently its a planet from Super Robot Wars K)



「I understand that you are trying to use the feeling of a game, but I am sorry as I don't know it.」

Mia was saddened.

Then she keep shaking her head.

Oi, hero volunteer, how do you live in a game?

「Nn. I have buckled up..... what should we do, Kazu-chi?」

I looked at the city which had become a battlefield again, and this time the west side caught my eye. One of the Giants have strayed away from the main battlefield while chasing the escaping human soldiers. This is a chance.

「There is one who strayed away.」

「So we can help the others too, it can be considered a stone with 2 birds.」

「It is better not to place your hopes on their thanks. Perhaps the humans may even attack us.」

Mia was dumbfounded for a moment and then she clapped with her hands.

「Suspicious people who can use magic. They must be witches, that's right.」

「Even if they don't think of it in that way, our dressing is also.....」

Currently we are wearing gym clothes with a backpack. In Japan, we will look like normal students, but as for the people in this world...

I roughly looked at the people in this city, their clothes are made roughly from a piece of cloth. Their clothes is one that needs to tie a knot around the waist, and even the males also wear skirts. Currently the soldiers that are escaping are still wearing leather armour.

No matter how you look at our dressing, we looked weird. It can't be helped if we are judged.

No, even before they judge, they would have escaped.

「Moreover I am bringing monster familiars.」

Turning back, the Wind Elementals are half naked females made of wind.

Even to me, if someone without any knowledge were to see this, they will also

treat it as a monster.

And me who is leading multiples of those, is even stranger.

Even so, I don't wish to go and defeat the Giant without even using the Wind Elementals.

The protection by the familiars is a must.

After all this battle is just a warm up.

I wish to win with minimum expenditure in MP.

「Mmm, I agree with Kazu-chi in preserving the MP and wait until Summon Magic reaches Rank 7 and then summon a new familiar.」

The strength of a summoned familiar is roughly 2 Rank lower than a student with Weapon Skill.

If it is the Centaur Knight summoned with Rank 7 Summon Magic, it is about as strong as Arisu when she has Rank 5 Spear Skill.

But Arisu is smarter so her battle methods may also be better.

Regarding the strength of the Giant, from how it looks, it should be possible for Arisu when she has Rank 5 Spear Skill..... that was what I felt.

Of course, the Giant has an overwhelming amount of strength, and his attack range is wider. So a contrasting battle plan is necessary.

But until now, all our battles have been like that. Be it the Elite orcs, the General, their figures are overwhelming stronger in strength. Arisu and Tamaki have always battled with the premise that their opponents are stronger in strength. Using ranged and melee attacks, they overcome the differences in physical. Just that with the Giant as an enemy, it is just like the difference is only bigger than usual. This caused the situation to be very troublesome. But the general flow will be like that. Then since the enemy is a simple idiot, they are more or less the same.

「First, let's try this.」

Mia casted flying magic on me and herself. Together with the 2 Wind Elementals, we invaded the city.

We flew in the shadows of the buildings and got closer to the strayed Giant who is heading south. The Giant that is chasing the escaping soldiers did not notice us. And it is too far from the main troops.

「Mia, use 《Stone Bind》 first.」

Rank 4 Earth Magic《Stone Bind》 is a magic that is used on stones.

Luckily part of the streets in this city is made of stones. Now the Giant is passing through such an area.

Stones which are casted with 《Stone Bind》are very sticky. If they are casted on the stone pavements, then the soles of the Giant will be stuck to the ground.

If it is done well, we can just depend on Mia's attack magic to finish of the Giant directly.

If it is not possible, then we will use the Wind Elementals to stop the Giant's movements, then indeed we are still going to use Mia's attack magic to kill the Giant.

No matter what, we are still relying on Mia's attack magic.....

Before I summoned out the Rank 7 familiar, there is no other methods.

Luckily there are magic to kill him when the Giant is trapped.

At the next turn, we found the figure of the Giant. The Giant with an ugly face is stepping on the discovered soldiers. Just like a tomato being squashed until it burst, darkish red fluid sprayed everywhere.

Although I am no longer shakened by such a scene..... But I was angered, and clenched my fist tightly.

「.....」

Mia bit her lips tightly. Just like me, Mia is also angry.

We landed behind the building around 15m away from the Giant. Then we peek out to look at the Giant. Until now, the enemies have yet to discover us.

The Giant smiled in satisfaction at the crushed soldiers. Just like a toddler.

Neoteny, should I said that?

The face is really ugly, that was what I thought.

「Let's go.」

「Ah, leave it to me.」

The battle begins.

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I peeked out from the shadows of the buildings slightly and observed the Giant that is standing on the pavement that is about 15m away.

It is really huge. His full height is about 4m, like a certain giant robot which is like an iron coffin, although I knew that in my heart, but..... It is indeed different when you look at it from up close. The pressure it emits is completely different from the orcs and Giant Wasps.

When I was younger, I looked at the elephants in the zoo. When the elephants walked, even the ground will tremble. I was dumbfounded as I gaze at the elephants across the fences. That time I knew I was safe, I will not be attacked by the elephants, because there is a wall that will never be broken.

But now it is different, there is no such thing as an unbreakable wall.

But I clenched my fist. Now we need to defeat this, and get rid of the others too.

The battle began as Mia released 《Stone Bind》 at the Giant's feet.

The Giant's feet sunk into the ground and was stuck by the pavements.

Okay, we succeeded!

「Mia, the sound erasing.....」

「Nnn.《Silent Field》.....《Poison Smog》」

First is to use 《Silent Field》 to prevent the Giant from making any noise.

Then the green clouds with tints black will completely surround the Giant's body.

The painful screams of the Giant..... There should be some, but you would not be able to hear anything as he is in the 《Silent Field》.

《Poison Smog》 is a magic that creates poison smoke. There is something similar in Rank 3 Water Magic, but this is in Rank 5 Wind Magic. It is a much faster acting magic.

This venomous poison will corrode the skin once contact is made. If a normal human is in the smog for about 15 seconds, then he will die.

This is a magic that is very effective in group battles. Together with restraining magic like 《Stone Bind》, we will be able to display its vicious nature to the utmost.

Now our assumption is being proven.

The us who are outside the smog can understand the Giant's pain.

But the Giant's feet are unable to leave the ground, so he is unable to escape.....

It should have been like that.

The Giant's roar rang. Even we, who are far away, can feel the impact. The houses in the vicinity are shaking. Yes, 《Silent Field》 has been broken.

「It can destroy magic just like the General!」

But even though 《Silent Field》 is destroyed, but the 《Stone Bind》 is still intact. The Giant's feet are still stuck to the ground.

Then the smog that was created using magic, is still lingering in the surroundings of the Giant.

This.....《Silent Field》 is Rank 2, 《Stone Bind》 is Rank 4, and 《Poison Smog》 is Rank 5?

So as to say, even if this guy has something like 《Dispel Roar: Rank 2》 so it can only destroy magic that are Rank 2 and magic that are above Rank 2 can't be destroyed?

No, there is the possibility that it can destroy Rank 3 Magic.

If it is really like that, then we don't have to worry when we are escaping.

This guy can just be killed by the smog just like that.

But just now that roar has probably warned the other Hobgoblins.

So it may not be as smooth from now on.

No, actually..... Suddenly the sound of the ground cracking began to sound.



The Giant has lifted the pavements with just his brutal force, forcefully taking a step.

This guy is really strong!

Luckily the resistance of the enemy ended there.

Under the effects of 《Poison Smog》, he spent all of his strength. The fact that he is on his knees while powerless, proves this.

That is only natural. Being inside the poisonous smog for a minute, he can't be fine. Or rather it can be said that his vitality is about 4 times as strong as a normal person.

「《Lightning》」

Mia's merciless lightning strike hit the weakened Giant. And then immediately.

「《Stone Blast》」

The stone pellet rain that was used to end the Giant's life, landed on his head.

The Giant's body began to melt and disappear, leaving 3 blue gems.

Then Mia and I entered the white room.

Mia leveled up.

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「It is obviously just a small fry, but it is quite resilient.」

Mia and I began a battle conference in the white room immediately.

I sat down on the chair in front of the computer, and Mia like a rabbit, hopped onto my thighs.

「Oi」

「Hmm. This is a tip.」

Mia raised her head in a smile. Just like an elementary school cousin. But my cousin is more proudful.

「Conducting skinship, will increase Kazu-chi affection values.」

「Like a game.」

Mia's tilted her head.

「Is it better to be like the CG in a gal game?」

「What are you saying? The me who is normal, completely does not understand.」

「There is no other choice..... If your mind doesn't understand, then I will let your body teach you.」

Mia turn toward my head and I flickered her forehead.

I had actually used more force than I had expected, and Mia grabbed in her forehead with tears brimming.

「This pain is also love?」

「Ah ah, anyway back to the original topic.」

I grabbed Mia's shoulders and forcefully turned her in 180 degree towards the laptop.

But what the screen showed is the normal email and skill point window.

「From its strength alone, it is indeed above the Elite Orcs.」

「The experience point is at least above 10 orcs. I still need about that much experience to level up.」

Really?..... Indeed, it is a "Giant". A fellow that is 4m tall, when he comes attacking, we will be destroyed. So just 10 orcs is considered cheap.

「Other than that, 《Silent Field》 is also broken.」

「It has a similar ability like the General.」

This part is also included in the questions.

I began to type in the keyboard of the laptop.

First, regarding the real name of the Giant, it replied with "it is Giant".

Regarding the real name of the Hobgoblin, it replied with "it is Hobgoblin".

Indeed, if we just name them, then the system will register it.

「Kazu-chi, Globster?」

「Anyway, just try it.」

From the answer, it did not tell me the actual name for Globster.

This.....is slightly different. Interesting.

If there is a chance, next time I will name the monster “Suzuki Dogezaemon”, and see the reaction. (TL note: translation of 鈴木土下座衛門)

It did not reply regarding the special ability to dispel magic by the General and the Giant.

But for the question on whether if all the higher rank monsters have such an ability, the answer was “no”.

「If that is so, then that is indeed a special ability. So there is nothing crazy like ranking up will cause them to be able to resist magic.」

「Comparatively, if we do not have the ability to destroy magic, we could be checkmated.」

It is just like Mia said.

If there are some magic users in the Hobgoblins, then we must be cautious about that.

Even if we noticed it, there is nothing we can do..... or not yet.

「Mia, is there anything else we want to know?」

「About the natives.」

Ah, mm. Yes, it probably will not answer, but we will just ask?

I asked a lot of things like the soldiers that are facing against the monsters now. And the matters regarding the city.

Surprisingly, there is an answer.

The name of the city is as called Heshu・Reshu・Nashu by the natives. (TL note: ヘシュ・レシュ・ナシュ.)

The natives claimed themselves as human. And the language they spoke are common among all of them.

Currently we cannot communicate with the humans that have a common language.

「This.....」

「Hmm, how do we cooperate?」

「No, how?」

Mia and I faced each other, troubled.

I suddenly thought about the question. The content is “the method for us to learn about the common language”.

The computer answered. And the answer made both Mia and I speechless.

「Just use the magic provided by Mia Vendor.....」

Mia’s movement was very fast. She slid down from my knees and ran to the Mia Vendor in the middle of the room and confirmed the list.

「Ah I totally overlooked it.....」

「Even though it is this great me」

While grabbing Mia’s head from the back, I peeked at the screen of Mia Vendor.

Indeed, it exist.

In the list provided by Mia Vendor, a few things that did not exist when I was level 20, appeared.

Most of the things are useless. There is only one thing that is important.

Rank 2 Magic, 《Many Tongues》. (TL note: メニー・タンズ)

The required tokens are 200, half of the other Rank 2 magics.

Even though it is like that, but we don’t have enough on our hands.

「Currently we have 150 tokens altogether. And defeating the Giant gives us 30, so.....」

「If we kill another Giant.」

After calculating, it came to this?

The problem is that we have to level up before we can come here again.

「No matter what, if we don't defeat the enemies, then we cannot communicate with the people.」

「That is indeed true.....」

Just as Mia said. What we needed to do, has not change. Anyway we can only weaken the enemies' strength for now.

If so, then the troublesome thing is the roar just now? Now the enemy army has already know that a strong enemy exist.

No..... can it be considered so?

That roar is probably a warning right?

Just giving out a warning will cause the whole army to become alert, and stop attacking..... it can't be possible.

「Mia, how do you think the enemies will move?」

「Send a scouting party?」

「How is the scale like?」

「Around 10 Hobgoblins and 1 Giant.」

Hmm, it is probably like that.

If it is so..... it will be troublesome.

But can the current us win?

If there is anything, then I will used my MP, and summon the Iron Golem.....

「We should just save Kazu-chi's MP.」

Mia shook her head and said.

Indeed currently Mia has alot of MP, while I don't even have half of mine. It will be good if I can save my MP.....

「But if we die, then it will be putting the cart before the horse.」

「We won't die. Basically we will separate the enemies and finish them off.」

Mia smiled and gazed at me.

「If it is a defensive battle, we have Kazu-chi's special combat method.」

Trap huh!

Mia nodded.

「We will use 《Earth Pit》 to make traps.」

Mia: Level 14 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 5 Skill Point 3

We asked a few more questions and then returned to the original world.

Using Wind Magic to blow away the poison smog, we picked up the gems.

At the street when the Giant died, we began our preparations.

Minutes later.

The next wave of enemy is approaching.



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This alley was just wide enough for 2 person to walk side by side. And the footsteps of the Giant echoed through it.

At the corner of the building, the huge body of the 4m tall Giant appeared. Behind the Giant, there are green-skinned soldiers, the Hobgoblins, following him.

At this time, Mia and I revealed ourselves. There are about 20m between us.

Before the enemies noticed, Mia used her magic.

「《Stone Bind》」

A strong suction power appeared below the feet of the Giant, stopping the Giant's movements. The Giant gave out an anxious cry.

The Hobgoblin group noticed us and rushed over. 10 Hobgoblins attacking in 2 rows with their shields. That is pretty impactful.

We endured the thoughts of escaping desperately.

When they reached the area about 5m from us. The first 4 fell into the trap. The stone pavement which has always been very sturdy, suddenly caved in and a big hole is revealed.

This hole was created by Mia using 《Earth Pit》 previously and then using the illusion magic, Rank 5 Wind Magic 《Refraction》, to hide it. The combination of the Earth Magic and Wind Magic, made a beautiful impromptu trap. There is no longer the need for me to dig holes. No, in the situation where I don't even have the shovel, it is impossible for me to dig a hole in the stone pavement.

The trap is about as wide as the small alley. We can be sure that the first 2 will drop in.

But it is really lucky that 4 of them dropped in.

「《Poison Smog》」

Mia release poison smog into the hole. The painful cries of the Hobgoblins

echoed from the hole.

The leftover Hobgoblins discovered the trap and got stuck in the situation of being unable to retreat or advance.

Then the 2 Wind Elementals flew out from the roofs of the buildings at the side.

The role given to the familiars is to create chaos, making more enemies fall into the hole.

Another 2 more Hobgoblins fell into the trap. It is lucky that the road is small, and the Hobgoblins rapidly died off.

No matter how strict their training is, to them, this sort of attack should be something unexpected. Although it was the scream from the Giant that attracted them here.

Mia flew up slightly and used magic to attack the Hobgoblins.

First she used 《Whirlwind》 to cut off their retreat path, and used numerous 《Lightning》 to attack them who are lined up.

It looks like an easy victory, but actually it is a match against time.

We don't know when the Giant who is 10m away, will get out from its restrains.

Before that, we have to take care of the Hobgoblins first.

Ah.....

There are still 4 more that haven't fall into the trap, and I already leveled.

So as to say, I leveled up from the experience given by the 6 that fallen in.....?

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「Then, then」

After I entered the white room, I head to the computer immediately.

And told Mia that I am raising the Rank of Summon Magic.

I guess it can be considered that our preparations are ready.

The problem is that we have yet to take the gems from the defeated enemies,

so we cannot buy the magic 《Many Tongues》 yet.

Now it is more important to finish off the enemies in front of us.

Kazuhisa: Level 22 Support Magic 5 / Summon Magic 6→7 Skill Points 8→1

We returned to the original place.

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Returning to the battlefield, Mia released more lightnings and finished off a Hobgoblin.

「These fellows are not strong enough.」

With another lightning, another Hobgoblin lied in his blood pool.

Mia leveled up.

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「Hmm, hmm, I leveled up with just 8 Hobgoblin.」

In the white room, Mia and I calculated the experience points. 8 Hobgoblins are defeated..... The experience from the Hobgoblins are scary.

「It is nearly worth 4 orcs」Mia said.

I agreed.

Indeed, the more enemies there are, the easier to calculate the experience points.

We will keep Mia's skill point to raise Wind Magic to Rank 6 first.

Mia: Level 15 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 5 Skill Point 5

We returned to the original place.

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Just 2 Hobgoblins left.

But these 2 Hobgoblin began cooperating, attempting to break through the tornado wall. One attracted the attacks of the Wind Elementals, the other held his shield and tried to break through the tornado. Although he was in tatters, but that Hobgoblin appeared on the other end of the tornado.

At the same time, the stone pavement attached to the Giant broke.

The Hobgoblin shouted some orders to the Giant. The Giant nodded in agreement.....

But the Giant did not obey. The Giant began running. No, escaping.

Shit, not caring about the Hobgoblin, if the Giant returned to the main force.....

Mia who is in the air, grabbed my hand tightly and flew towards the Giant.

The reason why flying magic could support both of us, is because I had casted 《Mighty Arm》 on Mia first. Even so, because the total weight increased, the speed decreased.

「Kazu-chi, one of us should go and chase.」

「Ah, I know.」

Mia used 《Fly》 on me and threw me out.

I screamed while spinning, desperately trying to control my direction. I flew pass the 2 Hobgoblins, chasing the Giant.....

「《Summon Centaur Knight》」

I summoned the male familiar who has a muscular upper human body and a horse's lower body below me.

He is armed with a spear in his right hand, a shield on the left hand, a backup sword around his waist, and bows and arrows on his back, wearing iron armour including a helmet.

The Centaur Knight began to increase his speed immediately to catch up with me after being summoned. And even after he caught up to my speed, he seems pretty at ease.

「Defeat that Giant!」I ordered it.

The Centaur Knight shouted out something that I can't understand and rushed at the Giant.

The distance between us shortened.....

The Centaur Knight jumped.

His entire body rammed the Giant's back.

The sharp spear pierced through the Giant's heart from the back in a single blow.

The Giant gave out his final cry and fell.

The Centaur Knight let go of his spear and took out the sword at his waist and beheaded the Giant.

The Giant's body faded.

Then my body crashed into the building's wall and I finally stopped.

Ouch ouch, it's so painful.

I didn't suffer any injury, but the skin on my back tore.

When I stood up, I happened to see the 2 Wind Elementals finishing off the 2 Hobgoblins left.

Finally we wiped out the enemies.

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The poison is not effective against the Wind Elementals. That is the answer that we have gotten.

The poison smog has already disappeared, but the gems are still in the hole, so I left it to the Wind Elementals to retrieve them.

Just a mention, each Hobgoblin dropped 5 red gems. 10 Hobgoblins means 50 tokens. With a Giant, 30 more. We collected 80 in this battle and now we have a total of 260 tokens.

With this, we can buy 《Many Tongues》.

The problem now is that both Mia and I have just leveled up. If we don't go to the white room, then we can't use the Mia Vendor.

Ahhhh, when is the next level up.....?

「Think of it in this way, Kazu-chi. There are still alot of enemies left, so we can level up easily.」

「That is extreme.....」

Maa, considering in such an unrealistic point, how shall we face this opponent. There are still 4 more Giants. And at least 125 Hobgoblins.

Moreover there are those that we have yet to face before. There are at least over 5 of the Mage Hobgoblin that can use Rank 3 Fire Magic.

And there is a wolf like monster that is different from Hellhound.

「The most troublesome thing is the degree of the cooperation that Hobgoblins have..... Although they failed this time, but if they worked together at a crucial timing then it can be very dangerous to us.」

「Hmm, I don't think that it will be as smooth next time.」

Our opinions are the same.

So.....

「Anyway, we need to lead the enemies by their nose.」

「The pace is important.」

We, the elite few, must continue moving to get the upper hand.

We did not rest and began moving to our next battle location.



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First we have to confirm the situation.

Currently Mia and I are on the rooftop of a 2 storey building, observing the enemy.

The 4 Giants left attacked the place that we are at together.

They followed the route, destroying the buildings and the stone pavements.

Perhaps, at the Giants' feet, there are rows of Hobgoblins.

「It is really great that we don't have to intercept the attack continuously.」

「Hmm. Retreat with each attack. We can't stop moving.」

We can relax for the moment and considered what to do for the next battle.

「Although we wanted to scatter the enemies and defeat them respectively.」

「If the natives attacked rashly.....」

Mia mumbled.

Is these the words that the person who wanted to be a hero, should say?

Maa, her words, have always been emotionless once she started planning for the strategies as she will change into the mindset for gaming.

Truly reliable.

If she sunk too deeply into consideration, all I needed to do, is to call out to her.

We will support each of our weakness.

「But if the natives could cooperate, then it will be easy!」

「Hence we need 《Many Tongues》..... As long as I leveled up, then it will be fine.」

We can only use the Mia Vendor after we leveled up and entered the white room.

The next one to level is Mia.

After some rough calculations, she still needs about 3 to 4 Hobgoblins.

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At this time, there is some changes in the enemy's camp.

The wolves howled. There seems to be some grey creatures approaching us in a terrifying speed in the alley.

「Can you see the faraway beast?」

Mia and I got ready to intercept.

If that wolf-like monster followed us with its sense of smell, then it will be a hindrance to our battle plans from now if we don't eliminate it now.

I casted 《Keen Weapon》,《Physical Up》,《Mighty Arm》 on the Centaur Knight that was just summoned.

All the 3 weapons, the spear, the sword and the bow are strengthened,

According to the information from the computer, if we strengthened the bow, then the arrows shot will also be strengthened.

Actually I had wanted to use 《Hard Weapon》 and 《Hard Armour》, but I had to endure it as I need to save my MP.

Depending on the situation, there may be a need to summon another Centaur Knight.

From the corner of the building, 2 wolf-like monsters appeared.

Their bodies are bigger than my gray wolves by a size.

Their red eyes shone.

The 2 wolves howled and their fur stood up.

Then.....

Their bodies shone with greenish white light.

Ah, this is bad.

I ordered the Wind Elementals stand in front of us.

In the next second.

The 2 wolf-like monsters clashed with the Wind Elementals.

After that glow disappeared, they rushed over as though the 15m were non-existent.

The Wind Elementals who suffered a heavy blow, gave a female-like shriek.

The familiars used their hands to grab onto the wolf-like monsters that came over.

Although they are full of wounds, but they protected their owner with their bodies by hanging onto the wolves.

The wolves gave out the sound of pika pika from their bodies.

Static?

If that is so, then just now is.....

「It seems to be using the special ability of electricity to shorten the distance in a breath.」

Mia groaned.

「But if that's true, then it will not be too effective against the Wind Elementals. We are really lucky that their attributes are similar.」

Perhaps that is true.

The Wind Elementals has natural resistance against the Wind attribute.

The other Elementals are similar, having their respective resistance.

But the Wind Elementals who have the same affinity suffered considerable injuries when they took the attacks.

Is that the power of the monsters?

If it is really that..... then we cannot miss this chance here.

I order the Centaur Knight to attack quickly.

The Centaur Knight drew his sword and it flashed across his body, severing the 2 wolves.

It is a one-hit kill.

The Centaur Knight only drew his sword and the wolf-like monsters are bisected.

That out of the norm sword skill of the Centaur Knight is terrifying.

Maa, he has the skills of a Rank 5 Sword Skill, of course it will be like that.....

Two wolf monsters disappeared.

And a blue gem was left respectively.

「Mmm, leveled up」

Mia said.

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Then just like that, finally we can buy 《Many Tongues》.

「What should we do? Let Mia learn it? After all there are alot of MP left over there.」

The Resist Magic of the 4 attributes Rank 2 Magic, 《Resist Wind》 and 《Resist Earth》is not really needed by us.

So we should use their capacity to learn 《Many Tongues》, that is my view.

But Mia shook her head.

「Kazu-chi is our leader. So this magic should be learnt by Kazu-chi.」

I see, that has its meaning too.

After asking the computer, I understand that the effective time of 《Many Tongues》 is a whole day, which is 24h.

The effective time will not change even after leveling or ranking it up.

Just a mention, 《Read Language》 is the same too.

The effect of the 《Read Language》 used yesterday is still effective now.

But after that, I didn't even read any more other world language so it is useless.

Then if I am to learn this magic, then what should I abandon.....?

「《Summon Puppet Golem》 is probably not needed anymore.」

「There are many familiars who are specialised in combat. Although the MP used is small.」

「Well it is a Rank 2 summon afterall.」

There are still alot of uses for the Rank 1 crow.

The Rank 3 wolf will probably be of use too.

But Rank 2.....

「Finally we can also communicate with the people of this world?」

「The 3rd contact, and understanding each other, finally giving birth to the fruits of love..... hohoho.」

Mia seemed to blush deliberately.

I did my best to ignore her.

「And, another thing.」

「What.」

「Probably the next wave of enemies will reach immediately. We have to decide whether to intercept the attack or escape.」

Ah, right.

Just now those wolves are leading the way.

The enemy camp probably had wanted to use the wolves to attack us first, and restrain our movements, then finish us off with the main troops.

But our combat ability exceeded their expectations.

The wolf vanguards are wiped out by us.

In the end.....

「Seems like we can take down them one by one.」

「Or perhaps, we maybe wrong.」

At least, there are no sounds of the Giants approaching.

If there are only Hobgoblins, more or less we can finish them off.

「I will raise Wind Magic, then with this, our ways of covering each other will increase.」

「Ah, the 《Lightning Arrow》 of Rank 6 Wind Magic.」

《Lightning Arrow》 is the first attack magic after Rank 3 Wind Magic 《Lightning》.

《Lightning Arrow》 is a directional magic, like Rank 2 Fire Magic 《Fire Arrow》

Only after reaching Rank 6 then the magic that is similar to Rank 2 Fire Magic can be used. No wonder Fire Magic is specialised in attacks or should I say Wind Magic is not suitable for direct attacks.

Indeed, no matter what the power is stronger than 《Fire Arrow》 and it is almost a certain hit.

It seems like we can decide on the individual direction of the 《Lightning Arrow》, making full use of its effect against the small fries.

「Escaping is fine too, but when we need to weaken the enemy, we still have to do so.」

「Hmm. While we still have the leeway.」

We created a flawless plan.

After considering all sorts of formation, we decided on it after discussing.

It will also change depending on the different tactics that the enemy chose.

That is probably not important, and after planning, Mia raised her Skill.

Mia: Level 16 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 5→6 Skill Point 7→1

Mia pressed the return button.

We returned to the original world.

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Returning to the alley, and preparing for the enemy's attack.

After the wolves appeared, the alley seemed to be very cramped.



If they appeared here.....

Finally 2 Hobgoblins ran out from the narrow alley with their shields.

Seeing our figures that are 10m away, they gave out a warning cry.

In the next second, one of them fell with an arrow in its throat.

With the figure of the Centaur Knight releasing his bow, an arrow has already flew out.

Then I leveled up.

There is nothing special that we needed to discuss.

Hence we returned to the original place immediately.

Kazuhisa: Level 23 Support Magic 5 / Summon Magic 7 Skill Points 3

The single Hobgoblin left, decided to return to the narrow alley after seeing his companion got shot down.

But as he retreated urgently with his shield, the Centaur Knight has already shot an arrow through its calf.

The Hobgoblin rolled around while crying out.

Even after hearing this voice, the rest of the enemies did not appear.

This..... did they feel that a direct confrontation is dangerous?

A sudden discovery.

Probably it was because of the warning just now, if I had used 《Many Tongues》 just now.....

Ahh ahh, stupid me!

Why didn't I notice such a simple thing!

I bit my lips

「Kazu-chi, you can regret later. Now we must focus on the battle.」

After hearing Mia's reprimand, I got my senses back.

Yes, I can reflect on it later.

I used 《Many Tongues》 on myself.

Immediately

The Hobgoblin who was rolling on the round, gave out a final cry after being hit with a follow up arrow by the Centaur Knight.

「For the Glory of Garuga Nigu! Maou Army, banzai!」(TL note: banzai has a meaning of a hooray and saying that it will last for a long time!)

The Hobgoblin died while shouting that.

Maou.....army?

Huh, what.. What are you all saying?

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The Maou Army.

The thing that I heard from the Hobgoblin after using 《Many Tongues》 was this.

What is this. I have suddenly heard something very chunni.

Maou.

What kind of era is this, still using words from Dragon Quest.

《Many Tongues》, just how are you translating this.

No, wait.

I calmed down and considered it.

I wanted to throw something.

This translation, from what Mia said, like the names of the monsters on the computer, there is a high possibility of “being replaced by words that we are the familiar with as the native’s words”

For example, when I first knew the name of the orcs from the computer, someone in the mountains has already recognised that pig-face monster as an orc, hence the computer registered the monster as ‘Orc’.

What I want to say is that, is it possible that someone among us had recognised this as a “Maou Army”?

Even if we have some translation method like 《Many Tongues》, this group has already been registered as “Maou Army” in the translation method.

Or it could be that when they first met the orcs, they called out「what the heck, is this a Maou Army!」

Mmm, it is not that it will be like that.

Just that I don’t really want the strange thinking of something like a Maou is really real.

Ah, because.....

Maou.

If we got to such a world with that sort of thing, what can we do..... ah I don't even want to consider about it anymore.

My expression must have been strange?

Mia gazed at me.

Ah right.

Compared to what there is a Maou or it is just nonsense, first we must consider the real problem.

「If we stay here, there will be danger.」

「So we retreat?」

After Mia hesitated for a bit, she spoke「above」and used flying magic on herself and the Centaur Knight.

I see, no matter if we escape or not, it will be different if we have the mobility of flying magic.

I am not good at flying so I sat on the back of the Centaur Knight.

「Then I will leave it to you, Centaur Knight.」

「Leave it to me, Owner.」

I jumped onto the Centaur Knight's back.

Mia and the Centaur Knight flew into the sky.

The 2 Wind Elementals followed.

Oh, my familiars are flying better than me..... ah.

What was that deep-sounding voice just now.

.....huh? Just now, did this guy spoke?

I looked at the face of the Centaur Knight.

The deep red eyes of the familiars also looked towards me.

「Perhaps this is also due to 《Many Tongues》?」

「Yes, Owner」

I see, until now I have been communicating with the crows with something like telepathy, but some other familiars are completely unable to speak.

But the familiars should have their own languages as well right?

Ah, ermm, but.

If we can speak like this, then I will hesitate if I use them as disposable pawns.

「Master, our bodies here are only substitutes. Our real bodies are somewhere else. So there is no need hesitate and use us as pawns to the utmost.」

「Okay I understand.」

Okay, in a second, my thoughts are read.

Ah ah, in front of the familiars, to talk about how to treat them as disposable pawns.

Is probably a thorn in the familiars' hearts.

Honestly speaking, the concern from the Centaur Knight is really rare.

Right now, if my thoughts slowed down because of weird thoughts, then it will be quite dangerous.

They are pawns, convenient pawns that can be disposed of.

If I don't think of it like this, then I may not be able to protect the things that are important to me.

「Oh, right, the Wind Elementals.....」

「Yes, please give us the orders.」

Ah, indeed they could speak.

I get this feeling that I knew it.

But this is fine too.

「The 2 of you will move to the rooftop of the house on the left and right, and check out the movements of the enemies.」

The 2 Wind Elementals separated after listening to my instructions.

Mia looked at me, saying「I want it too! Give me《Many Tongues》.」

Ah, right.

It is better to give it to you too.

I used the magic on Mia.

Mia who have gotten 《Many Tongues》, immediately start a small chat with the Centaur Knight.

「Girl with big boobs, girl with big butt, which one do you like?」

「Oi oi. You can choose not to answer.」

「Chiii. ....then Ken-chan, how much do you know about this world? For example if we want to know about things in this city.....」(TL note: Chiii = Mia staring, Ken-chan = Centaur Knight as in Japanese, Centaur is kentauros)

Ken-chan? Oi.

Although it's reasonable.

And the problem is very direct.

「It is a pity that I am not an existence of this world. If necessary, you can continue with the details later.」

「Hmm. Next question. Can we summon you again the next time?」

「In the current situation, I may not be the next Centaur Knight that is summoned.」

「"Current situation" huh. Then there is a method to summon you again the next time?」

「If we have an exclusive contract, then it can be done. But I don't know that method.」

「I see.....」

How should I say this, Mia is incredible.

Although it is the thinking of a gamer, but she developed thoughts that I have never even considered.

What is an Exclusive Contract.

But now we cannot create that kind of contract.....?

It is pretty good to summon the same familiar many times, and we can also use it as an information source.

Then we will treat it as a topic for future investigation.

Maa, that will be the thing to do afterwards.

For now we have to take care of the Hobgoblins before us.

What we saw when we reached the rooftop of the buildings, were the Hobgoblins separating into 2 teams to pincer attack us at the narrow alley.

Then some of them discovered that we are on the rooftop and they shouted to communicate, with the troops heading to another rooftop.

It seems like they wished to use arrows to decide the victory.

There are a total of 20 Hobgoblins approaching us.

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But one of the important thing to say is that, among the words of the Hobgoblins, there is「Call the Inju over.」

「Inju, what do you think about it, Mia?」

「Inju..... Ah, no no, don't bother me,I my ears. If the meaning of these words are translated to Japanese..... then it is something like Curse Troops」(TL note: Inju sounds like pervert beast in Japanese.)

Ah ah, although I don't really understand it, but I get what it meant.

「Magic users huh?」

「Probably..... So Kazu-chi.」

I know, Resist right.

The type of magic that the enemies used—— according to the result of our investigation—— we roughly know some of them.

At least they know fire magic.

At this timing, the Wind Elementals returned.

Seems like no other enemies appeared.

「《Deflection Spell》.....《Resist Element: Fire》」

I will not be stingy with the MP here, so I will put 《Resist Element: Fire》 for everyone first.

Just like the Mage Orcs, there is the possibility of the green-skinned Mages having all sorts of attributes, but the attack by fire causes the most damage.

And if it is Earth Magic, they can do disturbing actions like 《Heat Metal》.

So being wary is correct.

After 《Resist Element: Fire》 is casted on all the members.

Countless of fire arrows flew over, roasting the skin of the Wind Elementals that are slightly above us.

We were really lucky.

Thanks to 《Resist Element: Fire》, the Wind Elementals are nearly unscathed.

Towards the direction where the arrows of flames are released, a total of 4 robed guys are seen.

They are standing on the roof of the buildings about 30m away.

「Mage huh?」

If this drags on, it will be troublesome.

Then.....

「Centaur Knight, attack. Wipe out those fellows.」

「Understood, Owner.」

I sat on the Centaur Knight who is nimbly using flying magic to rush towards the Mages.

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The Mages panicked, and released fire arrows at us without caring for the sturdy body of the Centaur Knight.....



Instead, the Centaur Knight flashed its sword.

The arrows made of flames are cut.

Oi oi, you can even cut magic.

This could be because of 《Resist Element: Fire》, but even so it is amazing.

After we got closer, the Mages released 《Fire Bomb》 towards us.

This is a wide range explosion magic when it reaches its target, it can be said as a Magic Grenade.

The difference with a hand thrown grenade, is that its shooting range is quite far.....

Hence, before the Centaur Knight that I rode on, the 《Fire Bomb》 exploded..... But before that, the Centaur Knight threw his sword.

The sword split the ball of flames into halves.

The fireball disappeared before exploding.

The thrown sword continued forward, towards the chest of the Mage.

The Mage panically shrink his body into a ball.

Tsk, he dodged it.

But thanks to that, his long robe was peeled off.

Green skin, and hairless.

With a flat nose, flat face, sharp ears and a wide mouth.

And orange coloured eyes.

Until now the Hobgoblins have been covered by their helmets, so now we finally saw their faces.....

This is the face of a Hobgoblin?

This guy is indeed the Hobgoblin mage.

Anyway we will call it as Mage Hobgoblin.

The other 3 Mages, jumped around in order to put some distance, attempting to escape to some other building.

Is this 《High Jump》?

If so, then they can also use Wind Magic?

Shit, if we are hit by something like 《Lightning》, I will feel the pain too.

No, I believe that it will definitely be painful.....

The long spear that the Centaur Knight had, pierced through the Hobgoblin in front.

The Mage gave a final cry, and his body began to dissolve.

After the Mage disappeared, a blue gem is left.

Immediately, the 3 Mage scattered in the buildings around, released 《Lightning》 at me continuously.

Ah, did they think that I am the commander.

Correct, you beasts!

My chest, shoulder and wrist are hit by 《Lightning》.

The intense pain swam in my nerves, stiffening my entire body.

I screamed, but..... endured it immediately.

It was tough that I did not fall, but now I am in the state where I am desperately clinging onto the Centaur Knight.

Ahh, damn!

「Wind Elemental!」

The Wind Elementals listened to my instructions and attacked the Mage on the left and right.

The Mages wanted to escape, but our side are faster.

The Centaur Knight also chased after the last one.

The Mage desperately released 《Lightning》 at me.....

But I endured it too.

My teeth are chattering but I am fine.

The pain in my heart is concentrating, but I am still alive so I must be fine.

Hmph, don't underestimate the HP of a level 23!

And if these Mages are defeated.....

After closing the distance, the Centaur Knight killed the second Mage Hobgoblin.

Slightly slower, the Wind Elementals killed their targets.

The 4 Mages are wiped out.

The Centaur Knight picked up the sword that was left on the rooftop.

I breathed quickly, almost unable to use any strength.

Ah, it's so painful.

But we killed the enemy's magic users.

Considering the situation after this, this is a big advantage for us.

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The Mages are killed but the Hobgoblins who were scattered, have completely grasped our location.

Arrows flew over from every direction.

And now we are being separated.

「We will retreat for now! The Wind Elementals will protect Mia, and listen to her orders! The gathering point is.....」

I surveyed the surrounding from the back of the Centaur Knight.

What came to my sight is the north pier, at the opposite of the city.

So that is a river?

If we look at it carefully, the river seemed to have flowed in the past and now the city wall are built outside of the pier.

Only the moss at the northern walls are lesser.

So that place is the newest?

If that is true, then the defence there is the strongest.

Because of that, the Hobgoblins did not attack from there.

Should we set the gathering at there?

Although we said so, but now we are currently in effect of 《Many Tongues》.

If we say out the location, the enemy will discover it.

「Mia, we will talk about the gathering place after leveling up.」

「Okay, understand.」

The Wind Elementals flew towards Mia.

Mia will explain clearly what they needed to do.

I instructed the Centaur Knight to land on a suitable alley.

「Towards north. Defeat that 2 Hobgoblin on the way.」

「Understood, Owner. Be careful not to fall.」

After being told, I hugged the Centaur Knight's back tightly.

The Centaur Knight ran suddenly.

Turning at a corner, it dashed out into a street which is considered quite wide.

One Hobgoblin happened to be backfacing us at the rooftop.

The movement on our side is so fast that the other party did not even have time to react.

The Centaur Knight hang his spear on the hook on his waist.

I immediately passed the bow on the back to him.

「Thanks, Owner.」

The Centaur Knight pulled the bow and released the arrow.

The arrow aimed towards the deep area in the helmet of the Hobgoblin who finally turned back, entering through the left eye.

One shot kill.

「Beautiful!」

I could not help but praise him.

The Centaur snorted with pride and pulled out another arrow, increasing his speed.

While I hugged his back tightly.

An arrow was shot at us by a Hobgoblin from the shadows about 10m away.

But it was nothing to us who are travelling at high speeds.

The retaliation shot by the Centaur Knight was repelled by the Hobgoblin's helmet.

The Hobgoblin fell back.

The Centaur continued forward, with his hooves stepping on the Hobgoblin's head.

With sound of the bones shattering, our bodies began to float gently.

The Centaur Knight followed the motion and continued forward.

I turned back and look, and the Hobgoblin with fatal injuries faded.

That instant, we are transferred to the white room.

Mia leveled up.

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In the white room, there is no fear of being overheard by others.

I told Mia that the gathering place is the pier.

「The pier.....」

Mia tilted her head.

「The city remained even after the river is gone?」

「When the crow was scouting, there is a river further north. Perhaps the river flow changed. Like having a river is hard to defend or something.」

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「If you shut your gates and don't move, then wouldn't it be hard to get water?」

Hmm, that's it.

Why.

I was wondering and thought of a possibility.

「《Summon Water》?」

「Ah I see. Magic.」

Hmm, perhaps the common sense in our world is not suitable.

I can summon water and food.

It wouldn't be strange if the people in this world can summon too.

There are mountains on the East side, so in the past, water should have flowed from there.

Or perhaps at a certain stage, they no longer needed the river.

All of this are just speculations.

「Also, Kazu-chi. Although it has already been awhile, call out the familiars, I have alot of things that I want to hear.」

「Ah, I see. I would like to listen too.」

Which familiar should I summon, after thinking while, I had just learnt Rank 7 Summon Magic, 《Summon Servant Team》.

A magic to summon a team of butlers and maids.

Hence, aged butlers who stood straight with their swallow tail coats, and young maid in their western maid dress appeared.

A total of 100 people.

「That's too much!」

I shouted out unknowingly.

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The size of the white room is about a classroom.

So matter what if 100 people is inside, it is too cramped.

Luckily we can keep the necessary number of people and send the rest back.

I am really sorry since it was hard for everyone to come, but we left 3 butlers and maids and sent the rest back.

We asked the remaining 6 questions.

「Where are you summoned from, and what happens if you die?」

「We familiars, are souls with a temporary body. We wouldn't be anywhere normally.」

The butler replied me gracefully.

I looked at Mia.

Mia touched her mouth with her hand, mumbling「sounds like Fate?」. (TL note: should be referencing to Fate stay night)

What is that.

I know it is nothing good, so there is no need to clarify.

「Can I also ask a question?」

「Ah. Everyone, also answer Mia's question.」

「The maids there, if Kazu-chi wants to H, it is fine with that order?」

「Yes, of course.....」

I knocked Mia's head.

I told the maids that there is no need to answer those kind of questions.

「You, are really.....」

「I am asking the question that Kazu-chi really wanted to know only.」

「A pity, I can settle that myself.」

It is really good that Arisu and Tamaki is not around.

No, when you have relationships with multiple girls, it is already too late.

Or perhaps when I heard the reply from the maids, I was a bit excited..... No, this is something that can't be helped.

We refocused and returned to the real problem.

First is the matter about this world.

The answer is 「don't know」.

This isn't a story about a spirit who lived in this world.

Then from another viewpoint, I tried asking about the Exclusive Contract that Mia had heard from the Centaur Knight.

「The Exclusive Contract is a special agreement that we give to a chosen person to summon us. If you have the ritual and a special catalyst then you can use it.」

「How can we get the ritual for the Exclusive Contract?」

「I don't know.」

Is that so.

Ah ah, so there is something needed. Well the good news is that we know



that we are lacking something.

Although this means that we have to put this matter aside for now.

「Just asking, are you butlers and maids able to fight?」

「No, we do not have combat skills. So we will not be able to help you.」

Maa, even if it is not like that, I can't summon 100 people at once.

Even if they have the power to clear rubble.

To be able to do exhausting work but yet unable to fight, seems to be a mismatch..... Does familiars also have that kind of restrictions?

Anyway just like they explained, they are not suitable for combat.

Rank 7 familiars need 49 MP.

Then how will we use that 49 MP.

To enjoy luxurious stuff in the white room?

What I can think of, is only that much.....

This magic is a Rank 7 Magic 《Summon Feast and Set》.

It can be said as a buffet for a 100 people.

Luxurious tables and chairs, along with dishes and alcohol, such an extravagant party. If you want everything include the party meal set, it only need 7MP.

Butlers, maids and a feast.....

What is this, this Rank 7 summon magic.....

Maa, forget it.

I ordered the servants to wait, and discussed the future movements.

First we need to meet up quickly and then what.

「The battle line of the enemies that are chasing us will widen. Then shall we start with the enemies that caught up?」

「If they keep chasing relentlessly..... The leftover Giants should be arriving soon?」

「When the Giants come, if it is just one, defeat it. If two, restrict one. If three and above, escape.」

Hmm, this sounds right.

After all, we can only use guerrilla tactics to separate and defeat the enemies.

「The soldiers in the city and the people who gathered at the centre, are they still safe?」

「I really want them to work hard as bait.」

Everyone, please look.

These are the words that were said by someone who had wanted to be a 「hero」 just now.

This girl, in the end, is still lacking something hero-like.

I looked down at Mia.

Mia understood the meaning of my gaze and stuck out her tongue.

「After all I am bad.」

「Now it is a good thing to play our hands. At least, this is to help me do my best.」

Mia smiled with a 「then, we will settle this issue like this」.

Mia: Level 17 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 6 Skill Point 3

Mia pressed the return button.

We returned to the city that was in its death struggle.

In different places.

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The Centaur Knight that I was on, ran through the city that was filled with enemies.

We can see fallen natives all over the place.

Anyway, these were done by the Hobgoblins, as they all suffered deep arrows and sword wounds.

Occasionally, there are some that are still moving, and some that are groaning.

But I ignored them.

Now we don't have any user of Healing Magic, or the thoughts of deliberately learning Healing Magic.

If we need to heal the familiars, then my magic is fine. Although I am slightly injured, but if its only this extent, I can endure it.

Compared to the pain from the 《Lightning》 just now, it is nothing serious.

Though it's painful, but I can endure it.

I, who is over level 20, is probably ranked even higher than the General.

Although I don't feel it, but I am probably very tough.

Which is already past a normal human.

Then skill points are the only lifeline that we have in this world.

Every single skill point that we have, exist for the sake of protecting our comrades.

My Support Magic is, so is my Summon Magic. They existed for the sake of my comrades.

So if it is someone who is not our comrades get injured, or even die, we will not feel guilty.

This was what Mia and I have decided.

Now, Mia is probably also moving through a different route.

This is good.

If we think about each other, then we can keep our spirits up.

We will help the others, but only after we have confirmed our comrades' safety.

Among the corpses, there are kids who are younger than Mia.

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And a person who has arrows in his back.

Beside him, is a quiver with 10 odd arrows inside.

Was this soldier shot by stray arrows when he was on a mission?

I ordered the Centaur Knight to stop.

And had him pick up the quiver.

「At least, these arrows will be used for us. Use these arrows to kill the Hobgoblins.」

「Understood, Owner.」

The Centaur Knight began to run again.

I bit my lips strongly and the taste of iron began to spread in my mouth.

The back of the Centaur Knight is still shaking violently.

Damn, I clenched my fists.

「Owner, there are 2 on the rooftop at the house on the left.」

「Kill」

We should have ignored them.

But I ordered him.

The Centaur Knight, following my orders, released arrows as we passed by.

The 2 Hobgoblins are killed consecutively.

Beautiful skills.

The 2 Hobgoblins also prepared their bows and arrows, but before they could even shoot the arrows, their throats and chests were pierced by arrows and they fall towards the ground powerlessly.

We don't have the time to pick up the gems.

The Centaur Knight took a glance at his preys' dying moments and passed from the side.

I faced forward.

If I turned, I will see the face of the kid who died, so I kept looking forward.

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At the gathering place, the pier, Mia's figure was seen.

It seems like the 2 Wind Elementals are properly following the orders to protect her.

But Mia is not alone.

Beside her, are 3 boys and girls who are around the same height as her.

Although I said so, Mia's age..... They are probably 10 to 12 years old?

They are all shaking in fear.

「Kazu-chi」

Mia used a sorrowful expression and faced me who was on the Centaur Knight's back.

「These kids seemed to have escaped.」

「Escaped?」

「The centre of this city. At the big house there.」

Ah ah, the place like the mansion of the lord that was surrounded by sturdy walls.

The people who are like commoners seemed to be hiding there.

But..... ah, what is going on.

Where did they escape from?

My doubts were discovered and the scared kids began to speak timidly.

「That, Knight-sama..... escaped..... Water Magic User-sama..... at mountain, dam..... going to, water, wash away the city.....」

Who is Knight-sama.

No, forget it.

Riding on the Centaur Knight is the truth

But the meaning of his words.....

Thinking about it, I finally understood.

「The reason why there is no water. The Water Magic user. That guy is now..... making a water attack?」

「Ah. The people in this city are left, as bait for attracting the monsters.」

「We are also fools for biting that bait.」

This is the reason why this city is exceptionally empty.

The reason why the people fought so desperately.

All sorts of unnatural reasons are finally solved.

Maa, the Lord-sama's army is on the east side of the mountain, setting up a dam.

The Water Magic user under the Lord, is manipulating the accumulated water, causing a flood.

Sinking this entire city in water.

With this, they can wipe out all the monsters.

These kids, the people in the city and the soldiers..... are bait for this.

To them, this is a necessary sacrifice.

From the strength of the Giants and the soldiers who could not match up, this strategy.....

Ants..... ah.

Because if they fail and are wiped out, the citizens in the town will also be

killed by the monsters, so at least let them be of use as bait.

Although it sounds harsh, but there is no other way for them.

If they fail, they will lose everything.

This is no longer a situation where they can care about their methods.

At least I understand this.

And understood it perfectly.

Until yesterday, we are also like that.

To help who, and to abandon who?

We are often forced to make that decision.

Actually, we have already made a few decisions to abandon others.

The reason why we could survive through those 2 days, is because we have been accumulating our power while the orcs are focused on other areas.

I can't forget about those things.

The people on my side who are sacrificed, I will definitely not forget them.

But, before that, I deliberately say this.

「Mia. The people in this city are not our comrades.」

Mia held her breath and looked at me who was on the Centaur Knight.

I still smiled.

「I am afraid of losing my comrades. Moreover, Mia, that's you.」

「Kazu-chi.....」

Mia bit her lips tightly.

「Mia, answer me. Even if so, do you still wish to help them?」

Mia hesitated and stared at me.

She understands it, that it is just something hypocritical, and not only me and her, there are still others who are waiting for us in the Cultivating Centre. This is an action that will expose them to danger.

After helping the people who are abandoned by their Lord, then what? Bring them along? And keep protecting them?

I asked her「Mia, you said it just now. That you wanted to be a hero.」

「I did, but.....」

Mia was perplexed.

Currently she is swaying between her scale of reasonings and emotions.

What she wanted to become and what she really is.

She is swaying intensely between these 2.

She clenched her little fist, with her head lowered.

Her shoulders are slightly trembling.

Mia is very smart, she is too smart for a person who wanted to become a hero.

And a hero is a person who can make the impossible possible, and even if he is rash, he will just be himself.

But, that is just winning a lot of gambles.

A fool who is uninformed and had no plans, surpassing a mountain that is normally unsurpassable.

The smarter you are, the more helpless you will be. And that is something unforgivable.

Moreover, what you are gambling with, is not only your own life, so that is even worse.

No choice, I have made my choice. If she is unable to decide.....

I look at the Centaur Knight.

「Attack, kill.」

「Understood. Owner.」

The Centaur Knight placed the arrow on his bow.

Mia, then the kids, opened their eyes.



The arrow that the Centaur Knight shot, dived into the chest of the Hobgoblin that approached from the shadows.

Without knowing, 2 Hobgoblins have approached.

The Centaur Knight rushed at the other Hobgoblin, and abandon his bow, picking up the spear on his waist.

With a thrust, he pierced the chest of the Hobgoblin that was preparing to escape.

I leveled up.

This is fine.

With this, we can give Mia time to think.

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In the white room, Mia and I sat and faced each other.

Mia, had her mouth slightly opened.

「Thanks, Kazu-chi」

「No worries.....Then, Mia, let's discuss.」

「Ah..... To abandon those kids or deal with it?」

「And also, including the information of the water attack, what should we do?」

We can use magic to fly, so if there is any situation, we can just fly to escape.

If Mia wanted to help these 3 kids, then she could just help them fly.

Although there will be the problem of whether if these 3 kids will be able to provide the information that we need.

A common consideration is that we should seek adults if we want to obtain information.

For example, someone like the commander of the soldiers, as he would know more stuff.

「Actually, there is no need to hear the words of the people in the city.」

「Hmm, huh?」

「Because there are people who built the dam, are at the east in the mountains. The one who holds real power will definitely be there.」

If we stay in this city, it is akin to suicide.

For a person who decided on such a merciless plan, there is no way for us to hope that he will commit suicide like this.

Maa, there is also the possibility of having the aesthetics of dying with his city. But I feel that that is only escaping his responsibility.

That hell that we have went through until yesterday, we had to clench our teeth to endure through all the difficulties.

What is a suiciding commander, it is nothing but being spoiled.

Probably it was due to seeing Shiki-san.

Even after being buried in the stones, she continued to fight, seeing her like that made me realise it.

But she is slightly self-deprecating, and likes inflicting wounds on herself.....

However with that, it further enhanced her imposing figure of going against the waves.

That is the figure that a leader should have.

I should not comment on her thoughts, but the result is, following her, many students are saved.

The Cultivating Centre group that is filled with mob-like characters, even if we, the main force left, they are now able to protect the Cultivating Centre without any problem.

They became strong, and that could be due to Shiki-san's stubbornness.

So, I feel that a leader should be in a safe area.

If he is that kind of a leader, then he will be in a safe place. For the sake of carrying on the responsibility of his decision, now he is probably looking at the city.

Mia said「that kind of thing.....」

After Mia slightly considered.....

「I have thought about it since the past, but Kazu-chi really liked Shiki.」

「That is definitely a misunderstanding.」

「Then you are bribed by Shiki?」

「That is..... possible. My first evaluation of her is that she will be killed one day.」

「So Kazu-chi is a tsundere.....」

「I have said that a man as a tsundere is only disgusting.」

Mia shrugged her shoulders.

I regretted that I felt that it is okay to have a girl as a tsundere.

Mia looked at the patterns on the ground and raised her head.

「Then, Kazu-chi, I have a proposal.」

「Say it.」

「Like those kids said, there are about 100 people gathered in the centre.」

「So?」

「Help everyone.」

I frowned.

If it can be done, then it will not be so tough on us..... I think.

Mia should have understood it.

「How should we do it.」

「Use 《Summon Servant Team》 to summon a hundred butlers and maids, then after each of them carried a person in the city, we will cast an area flying magic.」

I see and nodded.

Then immediately I used 《Summon Servant Team》 to ask the servants if this plan is workable.

The butlers and maids also displayed slightly unexpected strength, and got the reply that “if it is about the weight of a fatso”.

In reality, the maid alone, could pick me up.

I am quite heavy. But she used both hands to hug me up.

A pair voluminous breasts appeared before my eyes, and I tried to ignore it.

Mia used 《Wind Walk》 on the maid when she was in this state.

And she walked in the air normally.

When walking, the maid’s soft boobs touched my cheeks, that part is really naughty!

I should not talk about that for now.

Hmm, if I can be lifted up by the maid alone, then the butler-sans should be able to lift men up.

If it is a slightly heavier person, then he can be carried by 2 people.

If not, we can also use 《Mighty Arm》 along with it.

I praised Mia’s strategy as amazing.

「I had thought about it desperately.」

Mia’s changes in expression are still very little.

But I know that she is happy.

Or rather, me who was swallowed by the darkness of the boobs, can’t say anything, and that is the proof of her nervousness.

Kazuhisa: Level 24 Support Magic 5/ Summon Magic 7 Skill Points 5

After we discussing a bit more deeply on the plan, then we returned to the original place.

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Returning to the pier, Mia immediately questioned the kids.

Regarding the current situation, there is a need to ask them for more information.

I got down from the back of the Centaur Knight and kept a lookout.

Ah, it seems like it is very hard to defend in this place.

Before this, we had decided to gather here because it was easy to recognise this place.

「Which building should we move to? For instance, a sturdy building.....」

While saying this, I remember the Giants' strength.

Is there a building that could withstand those idiots' strength..... There is none.

「Anywhere is fine, as long as it is not too striking. While the enemy has yet to discover us.....」

「Discovered, Owner.」

After saying and without waiting for my orders, the Centaur Knight shot the arrow.

A Hobgoblin fell in the shadows about 20m away.

After seeing their comrades get killed, out of the 3 left, one escaped.

Wow, they really have some good training.

These fellows are from the scouting team.

They will not push it and instead, they will directly report it to the main troops.

What should we do, should we chase them?

After hesitating for abit.....

「There is no need to chase. Let's hurry up and move.」

That was what I said.

I had judged that compared to the time spent on chasing, it is better to hide.

Also we need to consider the possibility of the escaping Hobgoblins leading us into a trap.

We brought the kids, and entered a 2 storied building a bit further away.

The deciding factor is that there are exits everywhere.

We can also escape through the roof with flying magic.

Mia asked the kids alot of questions. And below are the things they knew.

-The name of this city is called Heshu ▪ Reshu ▪ Nashu. This is the same as we heard in the white room

-The monster army is recognised as the Maou Army. Regarding the question on what is the Maou, the answer is that he should be the monsters' King? They answered with a question feeling. Which is to say, they don't really know. Well we don't know if it is a translation problem or what.

-As to the matter about this country and the world, they are unsure about it. As a mention, there is nothing like a school. With no education, well this situation is also possible.

-In this year, everything changed. The interaction between the humans decreased, the price of the products from the merchants increased. The number of monsters increased. Finally, this city is assaulted by groups of monsters. I see, so this world wasn't in this state in the beginning.

-Yesterday, the soldiers left in the city, was suddenly reduced to around 20. The rest disappeared with the Lord. The Lord instructed the commander to receive the attacks from the monsters the next day. Then the group of monsters appeared. The people in the city discovered that they are used as bait.

-The soldiers in the city are those who are distant with the Lord. Ah, it's like this. Just a mention, the commander died in battle during the defence battle at the city walls. So there is no one leading the defence. Maa, it probably would not have been of use. The commander's death pummelled the soldiers' morale, and these kids happened to overheard the plan that the Lord had from a soldier.

-The kids' parents have already died in battle. So without discussing with the other adults, even if it's only them, they also wanted to escape. But the city is already filled with Hobgoblins. If not for Mia who happened to pass by, they would probably have been killed.

-The Lord's mansion is a simple castle in the city. The rest of the citizens are all there. About the people left in the city, many of them escaped into the city after they saw the figures of the monster group . And nobody knows who they are.

-Currently there are about 100 citizens in the Lord's mansion. Most of them are females and kids and the elderly. The men who could move, are already fighting to protect the city. The ill-equipped people that I saw during the crow's scouting, are probably the hastily conscripted soldiers. To boost the numbers, they roughly completed a 100 man army..... then they are wiped out.

So it can be roughly said like this.

I glanced at my watch.

After transferring here from the cave, 1h 20mins have already passed.

I should say, only 80mins.

There are still 40mins left to go to use Summon Magic to call for reinforcements.

Before that, we probably would not be able to defend the Lord's mansion.

If that is so, then before that, the flood attack will began.

After using to butlers and maids to help the citizens, we must do something to the monsters that are closing to the Lord's mansion.

Then we will be able to escape through the air.

The monsters will be swallowed by the flood, and the people who are bait will survive.

If it is successful.

Actually, we still have to convince the citizens.

The kids called me the「Monster User」

And they are still a bit afraid.

If there are soldiers in the Lord's mansion, then we can converse with the soldiers..... That seems possible hmm.

No, even if we consider it, there are no other methods.

In this timing, the monsters are advancing in the city.

No matter how sturdy the defence of the mansion is, to the Giants who are able to destroy the city walls, they are probably useless.

After sending out the crow to investigate, we confirmed that there are no Hobgoblins before we took flight.

After casting flying magic, I ordered the Wind Elementals to survey the surroundings for enemies, and after confirming, we slowly advanced.

Even so, the city is filled with Hobgoblins, so battles are unavoidable.

And we have already battled twice.

We defeated a total of 5 Hobgoblins, and Mia rose another level.

After keeping the skill points, we returned to the original place immediately.

Mia: Level 18 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 6 Skill Point 5

In the 2 battles, the number of Hobgoblins that ran was 0.

This is all thanks to the Centaur Knight closing the gap in a instant.

His sword and bow skills are incredible, but his mobility is his greatest weapon.

Like this, we proceeded cautiously for 5min.

The walls of the mansion that was slightly east of the centre of the city, appeared before us.

But, that wall has already collapsed.

What was seen, are the 2 Giants that are walking in front, towards the soldiers who have survived in the courtyard.

Luckily there are no signs of Hobgoblins.

Is this..... a chance?

「Restrain him」

「Ah. Leave it to me.」



I left the guarding of the surroundings to the 2 Wind Elementals.

And ordered the Centaur Knight to increase his speed.

「I will be depending on you.」

「Leave it to me, Owner.」

The Centaur Knight strike at the Giant who had just tore apart a soldier's body.

At nearly the same time, Mia released her magic.

「《Stone Bind》」

The stone in the courtyard, is binded to a Giant's leg.

In this timing, the Centaur Knight made contact with the other one.

The spear pierced deeply into the shin of the Giant.

The Giant cried out in pain, waved his arms about.

But the Centaur Knight had already put some distance swiftly, circling around for another blow.

The Giant kneed powerlessly.

The Centaur Knight dashed at that neck, and with a nimble strike, his spear stabbed in.

This is definitely a lethal blow.

Although there are the effect of 《Haste》 and other support magic, but the Centaur Knight has slaughtered the Giant with overwhelming power.

Next, the other Giant howled.

Dragging the 《Stone Bind》, he closed the distance between him and the Centaur Knight.

The Centaur Knight has yet to put out his spear from the previous Giant.

「Mia, cover.」

「Ah. 《Lightning Arrow》」

6 《Lightning Arrow》 dived into the Giant's body.

The Giant's entire body numbed.

The intense pain, turned his conscious blank for a moment.

But that moment is enough.

The Centaur Knight pulled out his spear from the Giant's corpse and took distance.

The Giant chased determinedly, but before that, the Centaur Knight's assault began.

Their distance shrink and increased.

The Giant pressed on his knee that was pierced with the spear and kned on the ground.

The Centaur Knight circled back, and slashed at the Giant's neck with his sword.

The Giant gave out his final cry.

The battle ended.

His methods have became quite good.

The Wind Elementals which are surveying the surroundings around the buildings returned to my side.

「Left 2 Giants.」

「The situation on the Hobgoblins.」

「They seemed to be scattered around the place. Two commander-like figures are gathering their subordinates.」

Ah, yes.

To the enemy, we are unknown opponents who could finish off the Giants.

Gathering the troops and resist us as a group, that is their intentions.

But the Giants did not consider that.

The perfect collaboration does not exist.

This is a chance.

「Restrain the 2 Giants. If the Wind Elementals see the Hobgoblins, then give us a sign.」

Suddenly the 2 Giants stopped their movements.

From how the Wind Elementals saw it, the Mage beside the Commander Hobgoblin casted some magic.

「Perhaps that is 《Whisper Sound》」

《Whisper Sound》, a Rank 3 Wind Magic.

A magic that could talk with a faraway target.....

I see, so to the army, this is a very convenient communication method?

Maybe they could use it just like a mobile phone.

This time, they are depending on it to transmit the commander's orders?

That, is very bad.....

「Kazu-chi, this is bad. What should we do?」

「I know. Mia, bring the kids, be it the soldiers or the citizens, just find someone who can negotiate.」

The worst situation is that we have to abandon them and escape.

When I thought of this, the Hobgoblin army..... is dangerous.

「You will go and convince them.」

After Mia slightly hesitated, she nodded stiffly with a 「yes」 expression.

Together with the kids, they went into the mansion of the lord.

Then, with this.....

I have to buy some time alone.

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Though I said that I need to buy time, but facing against over 150 Hobgoblins and 2 Giants, I can't do a frontal approach.

Even so, if I kept silent, they will organise themselves immediately and attack over here.

Due to the presence of at least one Mage in the enemies, it is dangerous if I revealed myself.

I need to attack.

But a direct attack is not good.

If possible, I want to do a long distance attack that will not show myself.

Actually there is a method.

First is the summon magic that I thought would be useless, showing its usefulness in a surprising place.

I move in the opposite direction of the enemy's gathering place, towards the north, and ordered the Wind Elementals to keep watch while using magic.

「《Summon Siege Engine》」

Using Rank 7 summon magic, I called out a huge throwing machine.

This is a machine commonly known as a catapult, a traditional siege weapon used since ancient times.

And what I called out, is a slightly modern thing which is filled with 10 huge rocks.

Just a mention, this is not a familiar.

So it just need 7 MP.

So without any reserve, I added another 3, and lined up these machines.....

The control is simple.

Using the pole to determine the shooting angle, and just push the release

button.

The 2 Wind Elementals and the Centaur Knight, with me, pressed the button to release at the same time.

The wind is howling.

The huge rocks that are tossed out, flew across the streets and assaulted towards the Hobgoblins..... they should have.

The Wind Elementals flew up into the sky to check the landed positions.

The ground is shaking.

At the area that is away from the buildings, dust clouds rose.

What did it do.

「Off」

The Wind Elementals told me.

So it missed?

They told me to lower it and aim towards the back.

Maa, next time it will be more accurate.

After adjusting, the second volley.

This time, when the shaking from the volley appeared, intense screams echoed over.

Oh victims appeared?

「Around 20 Hobgoblins are headed over here.」

Well if fatalities appeared, of course they need to come here.

But the main troop is still there.

Then it means a third volley.

「Shoot, and congratulations~」

The Wind Elementals began to party.

From what they said, around 4 of them are killed at the same time.

Then.....

Just as I expected, I leveled up.

And entered the white room.

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Now I am exchanging information with Mia in the white room.

Seems like Mia also leveled up at the same time.

We needed almost the same amount of experience to level up.

But, that Mia.

Is covered in blood.

While pressing on her left shoulder.

「Hmm, I am fine. Just got cut for a bit.」

「You are not completely okay..... Monsters?」

Mia shook her head.

「Humans. Soldiers.」

「Don't tell me.....」

「Ah. Funny right, they suddenly appeared, and saying they can't let me escape.」

Mia laughed self-mockingly.

「Being assumed as the pawn of the monsters, is also something that cannot be helped.」

「I will go over and help you immediately. Forget it, if it is that kind of place, then just hurry up and leave.」

「So to say, it will be fine. Since there are no more problems. And the negotiation is considered pretty successful.」

「Considered? What does that mean.」

I listened to the detail contents again.

Initially towards the unknown Mia who invaded, the surviving soldiers

appeared out of the thin air.

The soldiers had emitted their killing intent and suddenly attacked.

One of the sword brushed against Mia's shoulder.

But that soldier's actions ended there.

Mia had used 《Sleeping Song》 to make that soldier sleep and before the other soldiers could approach, she had flew to somewhere where their hands can't reach.

「Then I casually caused flying magic on the children. And said that that could be casted on everyone too.」

「Ah is it? If you can actually do that, they will be shakened.」

「Compared to the soldiers, the surrounding women believed me. Following the housewives' instructions, the soldiers forcefully believed it.」

So saying, the soldiers are almost all from the people in this city, and were conscripted?

The housewives seems to be stronger huh.

「The soldiers are struggling to survive. The housewives are also struggling to protect their children.」

「Is that so.....?」

If it is like that, then I have nothing to say.

They already knew that there is no chance of victory.

Even so, for the sake of their family, the sake of their loved ones, there is the will to keep on struggling.

Mia who have appeared before those kind of people, has become a beacon who shows them the way to survival.

But the problem is that Mia needs to make the other party understand.

To hand over everything to the girl who appeared before them, of course..... That will be hard.

「It will be hard to convince them.」

「It can't be helped if we are not successful. So Mia had done well.」

「Indeed, when conversing with others from who know where, it is impossible to not question them.」

「Against those who does negotiation in another meaning , one is enough.」

And, I completely do not wish to see how you interrogate someone.

Maa, no matter what, if we can arrange something, then anything is fine.

Actually, I feel that it will waste more time.

「Then, I will go over there immediately.」

「Ah, that. Probably there is no time left.」

「Huh, that means?」

「I did not hear the sound of the catapult machine.」

Mia said.

「A strange sound came from the east. And that sound is getting louder. Also the birds are flying from the mountain in a flock, escaping from it.」

Ah, it has already began.

Ah, then there is really no time left.....

「Hurry up.」

「Understood, full speed ahead. I had want to decreased the enemy numbers more to gain experience, but.....」

「Give up. Only if we survive then we can gain experience.」

That is true.

And at the same time, I suddenly discovered.

「Then again, what about the soldiers in this world when they level up.」

「?」

「Because, if they defeat a Hobgoblin, one of them gives around 120 exp. So defeating 2, they will reach level 3.」

「Ah, we don't even know if they got a Party system.」



Maa, of course. If they can enter the party, then they can be enhanced with a party magic.

But since they can't enter the party..... Then they are level 0?

「Even experienced soldiers cannot enter the party. Then after defeating monsters, they don't know something about leveling up. So probably.....」

「Yes, basically we are different.」

「Our growth is special.」

Indeed, it is like this.

Maa, no matter if it is the computer or the white room, they gave off a modern feel, completely unlike a fantasy world.

Skills and Ranks, I felt that it is like a computer RPG.

Is that a system that is unique to us?

We, only people who appeared on that mountain, are the abnormality that appeared in this world?

If that is so, then just what is the reason why we appeared in this world.

Yes, in the world with Maou and monsters, and we who can benefit from defeating monsters.....

「Kazu-chi, we better stop thinking about the difficult stuff.」

「Mmm, I thought so too.」

Mia nodded with a「nn」, and had me sat cross-legged on the floor before diving into the middle.

I hugged her petite body from the back.

Mia raised her head and looked at me.

「Kazu-chi, thinking about a difficult problem alone is a bad habit.」

And said it straight-forwardly.

I mumbled「hmp」 like an angry kid.

I must have a bitter expression on me as though I ate something bad.

「Kazu-chi. We are just embroiled in it. Even if the other side that gave us the power is expecting something, even if we can only depend on that power to survive, there is no need for us to move according to what the other side wants.」

「That..... is true. But the one who wanted to be a hero and started moving, seems to be Mia.」

「Compared to helping others, Kazu-chi is more important?」

It seems to be natural as Mia tilted her head.

「To the 100 people who ignored Kazu-chi if he is in trouble, then I will abandon those 100 people.」

「Then I am really loved.」

「Mmm」

As though replacing a reply, Mia kissed my neck.

Then slowly climbed onto my back like static.

Unknowingly, the arms that I used to hug her are filled with strength.

「Did you have a feel?」

「You.」

「If you cannot endure it, then it is fine to push.....」

「It ends here.」

I used my fist to lightly hit Mia's head

Mia groaned with a「nnn」.

「Spineless.」

「I already have 2 lovers.....」

「I, not partner, lonely!」(TL note: she spoke in a broken way to act cute?)

Mia faced me and guided my hand towards her.

Mia's chest.....

A pity, it is very flat.

「Just now, did you think of “unfortunate”？」

「Nope.」

「Lies」

Mia puffed her cheeks, and used her little hand to pinch my cheeks lightly.

I laughed bitterly.

「After helping the people in the city, what should we do?」 Mia asked.

The Year 1 girl asked me what to do, but the one who wanted to help them was Mia.

So I need to respect her thoughts.

「A simple consideration. The enemy are still around, just like our companions are still around.」

Mia began to speak slowly after she considered.

「Then, let those who will soon become companions, become our companions. Then we will considered what will happen in the future later.」

「Even if we will abandon those who we have painstakingly helped?」

「I had just said it just now.」

Mia raised her chest proudly and looked at me.

「Between those people and Kazu-chi, I chose Kazu-chi. If they are a burden and endangered Kazu-chi, I will abandon them.」

Yes, she said it clearly.

There was no hesitation there.

「Is that fine?」

「I don't really want to be an ally of Justice. To be a hero, first you must let those who will call you one survive.」

「Mia just..... want to be praised as a hero?」

「Mmm. And also to be praised by others? But the first is Kazu-chi. I wish to become someone who Kazu-chi will commend as a hero.」

Why is she so stubborn.

She had already made her decision.

That was the decision that Arisu made the day before and what Tamaki made yesterday.

If that is so, fine.

If it is just 3 girls, I will take on your burdens.

The 2 days until yesterday, I survived not because of other people, but because of the 3 of their help.

I will not forget this gratitude.

That is not just because of their bodies, Mia too.

Reversely, it is because she is like that, there is a need for trust made with words.

「I am praising Mia. You are really an incredible girl. Well done..... From now on, please take care of me.」

While saying, I caressed her head gently.

Mia closed her eyes and nodded with a「mmm」.

「Than again, is it okay to use the skill point on the next Rank of Wind Magic?」

「Of course. With this, it is Rank 7.」

Kazuhisa: Level 25 Support Magic 5/ Summon Magic 7 Skill Points 7

Mia: Level 19 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 6→7 Skill Point 7→0

After discussing on the minor details, we returned to the original place.

## Chapter 86: Water Attack

After returning to the catapults, I immediately ordered the familiars to retreat, and jumped onto the Centaur Knight's back.

The Centaur Knight ran toward the Lord's mansion.

The Wind Elementals also followed.

The water attack had already begun, so now every second counts.

Before long, the walls at the mansion appeared before us.

The Wind Elementals hugged me and flew up.

While the Centaur Knight circled around the crack at the walls.

I glanced that there are shadows of Hobgoblins on the route of the Centaur Knight.

「Kill them too!」

「Understood.」

A reliable reply.

There will be no problems if we leave it to him.

I was carried up by the Wind Elementals and flew past the walls towards the courtyard.

There are about 100 people gathered there.

There are about 3 soldier-like guys.

With swords and spears in hands, squatting on the ground.

They are bandaged everywhere and those bandages are stained crimson red.

Are those who are decent at fighting, scattered around the city?

Probably this is all their leftover battle strength.

But it is because of their efforts, that is why they managed to stop the Hobgoblins' advance.

Although they did not know that we are here.

All of these are a coincidence.

Of course, Mia's "saving" under this sort of situation could be considered as a devil's temptation.

It can be said that Mia has done well under this situation.

I saw that the native housewives are bandaging Mia's shoulder.

Her breast area is completely exposed.

I hurriedly turn my sight away from Mia.

A middle-aged female came before me.

And lowered her head.

「We will obey you. No matter what, please save us.」

Those words contained deep fear.

I completely do not know what Mia had said to them in this short time.

But she had done a difficult job splendidly.

That is enough.

After treating Mia's wounds, that female stood up and looked at me.

And slowly lowered her head.

「Kazu-chi, please.」

「Ah. Now I will call those that will transport you.《Summon Servant Team》」

Butlers and maids, a total of 100 people appeared.

The people in the city opened their eyes wide.

Even the 3 soldiers are dumbfounded.

But there is already no time left.

I felt the howling of the wind from the east side of the sky.

Ah ah, I can hear that sound already.

The destruction is approaching.

Before long, this city will meet its end.

I used all my MP and casted 《Deflection Spell》 with 《Mighty Arm》.

I have to strengthen the butlers' and the maids' strength.

The expanding magical light engulfed the arms of the butlers and maids.

At this time, the Centaur Knight arrived.

「Owner, 3 Hobgoblins are killed.」

「I know, thanks.」

The soldiers became alert but after seeing that I was talking with it, they seemed to have relaxed.

Okay, we can't stay here and waste time.

「Mia. We will change the plan, and use 《Fly》 instead of 《Wind Walk》」

「Understood.」

I hurriedly and cast 《Deflection Spell》 for Mia.

Mia casted the flying magic on us and the familiars before casting it on the entire servant team.

The butlers and maids' bodies floated in the air lightly.

The reason for giving up 《Wind Walk》 is that the moving speed is different.

《Wind Walk》 which slowly rises like going up the stairs could give rise to the possibility that they may not escape in time.

《Fly》 can move like the speed of a bird, which is comparatively faster.

The butlers and maids brush into the crowd, each grabbing a person and flying into the air.

Just like a scene in the movies.

Due to the heavy leather armour that the soldiers are wearing, everyone of them are carried by 2 butlers.

It is really great that there are only 3 soldiers.

I have to fly by myself, and for an instant, I hesitated.....

「Kazu-chi. Admitting your weakness is also courage.」

「Damn, thanks for your precious suggestion!」

With Mia's scolding, I hopped onto the Centaur Knight's back honestly.

Yes~ yes~, my sport skills are non-existent, and I am really sorry about that.

Just a mention, the butlers and maids that I summoned, beautifully controlled their bodies and carried a person each and flew into the sky.

Mia used Rank 3 Wind Magic 《Control Wind》 to create an upward current.

The uses for this magic is very limited, but there is a feeling of being considerate for the people.

The Centaur Knight led everyone into the sky.

While overlooking the butlers and maids that are rising.

Then I looked toward the east mountains.

The greenery on the mountains are being pushed down by a tea-coloured wall.

And the tea-coloured wall is slowly rising up while tearing the thick forest apart.

What is that.

Is..... that the river water that is released after being blocked by the dam?

What did they do to make it like that.

「Is it the Water Elemental magic user?」

Mia flew to my side and said.

「Is it, that is..... After using magic huh. The water magic user under the Lord.....」

「He is one of those known as one of those who uses the Spirits of the Forest.」

「Spirit User..... specialised in Elementals? Or is he just making it seem like that?」

「They are completely different from our magic system?」



Maybe that is so.

If defeating monsters, leveling up and getting skill points are our special ability, then it is very likely that our magic system are also different.

Now that I mentioned it..... I have done a pretty shocking thing.

Freely controlling the Elementals, which is to be able to control Wind and Water like that.

A large amount of water rushed down like a wall.

That sentry tower that is at the edge of the forest, which was around 10m tall, was just swallowed by it.

It is going to react the city wall.

「Hurry up and evacuate!」

The butlers and the maids are shouting out.

Looking down, I saw a young woman beginning to run towards to the mansion now.

「My child has yet to come back! The maid who went to find her, has yet.....」

The maids hurried and chase.

Mia is about to land.

I grabbed Mia's shoulders, stopping her.

「No.」

「But Kazu-chi.」

「There is no time. Leave the rest to the servants.」

Compared to that, I looked towards the Hobgoblins.

Just what are they.....?

Looking to the west side of the city, I was silenced.

The Hobgoblins that were gathered in the park, formed a circle.

In the center of the circle, the Hobgoblin which was equipped like the commander was reading a curse like thing,

The commander Hobgoblin began to release blackish-red light.

Then..... the space before the commander Hobgoblin, began to twist like it went through a convex mirror.

The space continued to twist and slowly, a pink object appeared.

We understood after looking.

That is.....

「The Globster.....」

Mia swallowed her saliva.

Her body is trembling.

I reached out from the Centaur Knight's back and hugged Mia tightly.

「Kazu-chi.....」

「It's alright..... it will be fine.」

「Ah..... Yes, that will also be sunk into the water soon.....」

Turning our sight to the east, the huge water wall has swallowed the east part of the city and is currently approaching the mansion.

But..... the female who entered the mansion has yet to return.

The 2 elderly that were still waiting for her in the courtyard are still there.

Shit, there is really no time left.

Mia and I were shouting in the air.

Hurriedly rushing them.

Hearing that, the butlers began to convince them.

One of the elderly asked the butler to carry himself up.

As the butler was flying up while carrying him.....

Then.

The menacing water wall passed the outer wall of the mansion and devoured the mansion in an instant.

The elderly in the courtyard, the elderly that just flew up, along with those who are carrying them, disappeared into the muddy water instantly.

Mia suppressed her laments.

I hugged her body tightly and ordered the Centaur Knight to fly higher.

The water wall continued forward with the cliffs at the south side as its target.

And soon it reached the far side of the city.

The Hobgoblins, the 2 Giants left, and the Globster, are swallowed by the huge flood.

The trap that requires a lot of preparation and baits, have succeeded beautifully.

The move by the Lord is amazing.

If it's Shiki, then she will probably smile and wave.

While kicking herself under the table.

Damn.

Ah, damn.

I hugged Mia's slender body tightly.

「Kazu-chi, painful.」

「Ah..... Sorry.」

Mia bit her lips and raised her head to look at me.

With an expression that is about cry.

I felt an intense pain in my heart.

A weird sense of feeling that she is going to disappear.

Without thinking of the consequences, by reflex, I pressed my lips onto Mia's trembling lips.

Mia opened her eyes wide.

I separated from her face immediately.

「Sorry, just now, that.」

「Mmm..... Thanks.」

「No, which is, that.....」

「Did you feel that I was being broken?」

Yes, that.

Although it is like that..... Mia, you.....

「Mmm. So thanks.」

「That, Mia, really.....」

「I am comparatively satisfied.」

But Mia smiled shyly.

「Thanks to Kazu-chi, I relaxed.」

At this moment, a glaring light shone from behind.

Turning back, around the center of the city, a pillar of light is erected.

What is that.

I noticed it.

That is indeed the place that the Hobgoblins are gathering at.

The place that the Globster appeared at.

What exactly happened?

# Chapter 87: The Threat that Appeared

Mia and I watched at the pillar of light blankly on the back of the Centaur Knight who is flying towards the north from the city.

The pillar of light disappeared after 10 odd seconds.

After a blink, another blinding pillar of light rose again in the same place.

That is the whirlpool of the flowing water.

At the center, a certain huge thing stood.

It is bigger than the Giant by a size.

His full height is about 6m.

If I was to describe it in a full sentence, it would be that it is a four-armed Centaur.

Its face is hidden in the helmet, so I can't see it clearly.

From the chest to the horseback, it is covered in leather armour.

The 2 arms on the top are carrying bow and arrow, and the lower 2 arms are carrying a sword and shield.

All its 4 arms are carrying weapons.

「Sa..Satan Cross.....」

Mia muttered.

No, please keep your words to yourself.

What will you do if that unknown language translator registered Satan Cross as its name.

Luckily such a thing did not happen.

The soldiers that were carried by the butlers are mumbling「Mekishu Grand」.

「Is it the monster's name?」

I asked the soldier.

Mia said 「that person stopped the soldier from attacking me」

I see, so he is more reasonable than the others?

「Yes, Great Magic User-sama.」

He is a middle-aged man.

Looking at him carefully, he seemed like an uncle from the gambling den.

But just with golden hair and tea-green eyes.

「The 4-armed giant from the legends, the Evil God's vanguard, the Mekishu Grand. His bow can slay a dragon, his sword can destroy a city..... I didn't expect it to really exist.」

Oh, so that's it.....

Or should I said that it is great that Satan Cross has not become his name. What kind of nonsense is this, being at ease for such a thing?

No, before that, who is the Great Magic User.

Who said it, just who.....

I turned my eyes towards Mia whom I was hugging.

Mia stuck out her tongue and mumbled.

「It is very important to bluff, you know?」

「Just wait and see!」

「For the sake of convincing the people who are in fear, the beginning is very important.」

Hmmm, mmm, once you said it like this, then it is very hard to grumble about it.

Mia has struggled really hard after being slashed by a sword.

And bluffed the others about me being a Great Magic User.

But then again, Mekishu Grand?

This is the first time that a monster appeared with a name that we do not know.

And from the words of the soldiers, it is also a monster from this world's legend.

Just where did such a thing appear from?

No, I know what is going on vaguely.

Just that I don't wish to admit it.

Globster.

The Globster that was called by the Hobgoblins at the last moment.

The Globster that caused us to come to this place.

At that moment, what it used was an instant teleportation ability.

Not only that, that thing still have the ability to transport?

I still have a question.

Mekishu Grand is not the only one that appeared.

What happened to the Globster that was caught in the flood?

If that sort of thing continues to appear consecutively, we can only despair.

But even now I have already lost my fighting spirit.

We have barely escaped and wished to put some distance between us just like that.

Hence first we have to decrease our flying height.

And try to make ourselves less obvious.

I ordered the familiar butlers and maids to descend slowly.

We have already flew to outside of the city.

There isn't any water here, so it is fine to decrease our height, but the main thing is for the convenience of our escape.

Flying magic can make us move at the same speed as birds.

To prevent the people whom we had just saved from dying, we should concentrate on getting further away.

Mekishu Grand began to move towards the east.

Is it because we have decreased our flying height, or it did not even care about us since the beginning?

Or perhaps it is purely trying to resist the flowing waters.

Even if it is a 6m giant, it cannot move easily in such situations.

And are the monsters there still alive?

Or are they all washed away?

The Mekishu Grand did not seemed to care about such small things and began running towards the east.

Towards the mountain.

In the midst, it stabbed its huge sword into the water.

A bright flash appeared.

And a sharp female shriek sounded.

「Probably the Water Elemental is defeated.....」

Mia muttered.

Is it the Water Elemental that is controlling the floods?

Was it discovered by the Mekishu Grand and defeated?

The movements of Mekishu Grand is unstoppable.

It jumped across the city wall, reaching the foot of the mountain.

And stopped.

It drew its bow at the mountain.

Huh what is it aiming at?

Can it see the controller of the Water Elemental?

No, if it is that, then we can't explain the reason for its movements.....

But if that is true, then this guy's eyes are really incredible.

With that, if we can't escape outside of its vision, then there is no other way to escape.



The arrow in Mekishu Grand's hands began to burn with flames.

What is that.

Is that a magical bow and arrow, or is it the ability of the monster?

The Giant Centaur shot out the huge arrow.

The arrow of flame drew an arc towards the mountain top and entered the forest.

A second later, a huge explosion happened in the depths of the mountain.

The trees are blown away.

A huge giant dust cloud rose.

「Ah..... what is that. Is it a bomb?」

「According to the legend, the hell flames of the Evil Blaze Strike released by Mekishu Grand will scorch everything.」

Evil Blaze Strike?..... By the name alone, it sounds impressive....

Of course it's with the chunni meaning.

「Erm, then do you know about his other abilities?」

「Yes yes. Mekishu Grand uses 3 types of magic. The Evil Blaze Strike is as mentioned. The other 2, is Evil Thunder Slash released from the sword, and the Evil Dragon Eye that can see through everything.」

Evil Blaze Strike, Evil Thunder Slash and the Evil Dragon Eye.

The naming sense is really bad but the abilities are even worse.....

Even if we add in the resistance, mmm, only 2 of them can be done.....

No matter what, the Evil Dragon Eye is too dangerous.

So to say, anything that hides, he will be able to see it.....

Mia is also considering about the same problem.

「Just now, I had just learnt 《Greater Invisibility》.....」

Mia lowered her head and sulk.

Ah, yes.

That is the strengthened version of 《Invisibility》 in Rank 7 Wind Magic.

A dream-like magic that will not break even with intensive movements.

You can peek as much as you want.

Of course I did not do that.

Mia will not let me do that too.

Then I had considered the strength of having an invisible battle method for a moment.

But that method is easily sealed with the presence of the Evil Dragon Eye.

No, not that way.

I must change my thinking.

「Compared to deciding before moving, it is better to confirm it before deciding what to do.」

「Mmm. I understand, but.」

After the Rank up just now, we did not use Rank 7 Magic before.

Even so, the method to seal our quick attacks was found.

Even Mia is shocked.

「In a normal situation, the new magic learnt will be the Victory Flag for the next battle.」

「But reality will not be that smooth.」

「Damn, unforgivable.」

「Maa, before that, we need to see if he is willing to let us go.....」

At that moment, the Mekishu Grand turned towards our side.

The red glow deep in the helmet stared at me..

A chill ran down my spine.

「Mia, 《Tempest》!」

「Huh? Ah I see.」

Rank 6 Wind Magic《Tempest》is a magic that uses violent winds to blow away something that moves in a straight line.

The problem is that it is also a storm that can blow away an adult in an instant.

Even so, it is just blowing away only.

Honestly speaking, there is such a magic even at Rank 6.....

「《Tempest》」

The storm rushed towards the direction of Mekishu Grand

The distance is pretty considerable, so it is unable to reach the enemy.

But at least, he will be obstructed by the strong wind during his route here.

Then, the Mekishu Grand released a flame arrow.

The red flare that flew towards me is slightly derailed due to the wind.....

Luckily, the distance between us is great.

The little change in angle during the movement, will result in an error of over hundreds of meter.

The fire bomb landed on the right side of the direction that we are heading to.

An intense explosion happened.

The airblast from the explosion assaulted us.

Under such a strong wind, even we are almost blown away.

While hugging Mia, I grabbed onto the back of the Centaur Knight tightly.

The people around gave out cries.

After opening our eyes to look, the violent wind had blew away a lot of the butlers and maids.

The people who were blown off my familiars are falling towards to the ground.

Sounds of bodies being smashed.

Sounds of bones being broken.

Their final cries were echoing.

The Centaur Knight barely managed to lower his body to resist against the air flow.

The servants, who had done their best to protect the people, landed first and covered the people.

My familiars have done their best.

Even so, there are still many sacrifices.

Looking from the horseback, it is a scene from hell with cries and groans everywhere.

People with their heads twisted in odd directions.

People who are bleeding profusely.

Finally the blast from the explosion stopped.

The huge volcano-like crater was formed in the center of the explosion.

Such a chilling power.

What is with this absurd might.

Ah, wait wait, stop, I need to stop.

What can I do about such a guy.

No matter if it is to fight or flight, the destructive power of the enemy's weapon is too strong.....

Anyway, we are going to reach the peak of the mountain soon.

The people who are still safe, should head behind the cliffs.....

But Mia and I.

「Ah, ah, ahhhh..... ah.」

Mia is trembling with her eyes wide opened.

The wounded state of the people who were barely saved were rolling about on the plains, and Mia stared at the tragedy in the surroundings.

「Mia! Get yourself together, Mia!」

I patted Mia's cheek lightly.

Once again, I hugged the slender girl's body though I am going to break her.

Mia sighed.

「Wh..why. I..... have already worked so hard.」

「I know. I understand that Mia has done her best.」

「Then, why, did this happen.」

「Keep your senses! There are many who are still alive! If we keep dilly dallying, the next attack will come, let's protect those who are still alive!」

Mia stared blankly at me with her unfocused eyes.

Shit, what should I do.

With Mia in this state, how can I face that monster to buy some time?

At most I can get a few minutes.

No, even if I managed to hang on, then what will I do afterwards?

If we try to escape, can we escape from it?

Against such an outrageous long-ranged weapon?

Then what if.

We ignore the people from the city and use them as bait to escape now.....

I ordered the Centaur Knight to fly into the sky again.

While ignoring Mia who is groaning 「ah, no..」.

A few butlers followed me into the sky.

At this timing.

Large amount of arrows rained down from the mountain.

Together with Fire Magic and Lighting Magic.

Ah, what is that.

What is going on.

I am confused.

「It's Lord-sama's army!」

The middle-aged soldier from just now was carried by the butler that flew up, and came beside the Centaur Knight to talk.

He was pressing on his left shoulder.

It seemed to be very painful.

Did he break it during the blast just now?

I hope he didn't fracture it.....

No, rather than that, what did he say?

「The Lord-sama is taunting the Mekishu Grand!」

I didn't expect that, since the Lord had used the city as bait.....

No, no.

I must not misunderstand it.

The Lord wanted to defeat the monster army even if he has to use the city as bait.

The Lord did not use the city as bait to escape.

He wanted victory even if he has to sacrifice his citizens.

That plan succeed halfway.

His calculations were wrong and Mekishu Grand, an even more troublesome monster appeared.

To the Lord, he wanted to defeat the enemies even if he has to sacrifice the city.

Since there are survivors.

No matter what kind of sacrifices he has to made, he can only choose to attack.

Even if there isn't a chance of victory.

Mekishu Grand's attention is attracted towards the mountain again.

To the enemy that has enough power to cause despair, the attacks made of arrows and magic did not seem to reduce.

「Now is the time! Fly with all your strength!」

I ordered the servants to bring the people to the cliff to avoid.

Luckily until the evacuation is done, Mekishu Grand's attention is kept to the front.

The survivors from the city managed to reach the opposite of the cliff.

Good, this is fine.

Even if there is another of that explosion, the lives of the people can be saved.

After it is done, I recalled the servants.

Now even a little bit of MP is precious.

「Mia, are you okay?」

「Mmm.....I.....Sorry, Kazu-chi.」

「Don't mind it. I will let you do anything later, so do a good job for now.」

「Mmm.」

Mia nodded powerlessly.....

And steeled her determination.

Then she shook her head vigorously to the left and right.

Won't such a movement snap her neck?

「Okay! I am fine now!」

She clenched her 2 fists before her chest and shouted loudly.

Then she smiled at me slyly.....

「Say, Kazu-chi. You did say anything is fine right?」

「Oi oi.」

I knocked on Mia's head.

Mia smiled shyly.

Mia and I, stood on the cliff again to observe the situation.

Mekishu Grand shot many fire arrows towards the mountain.

With every shot, the retaliation from the Lord's army decreased a little.

Until the mountain turned completely silent, it has taken over 20mins.

Even though it had took on the attacks from the Lord's army, there is not injuries to Mekishu Grand's body.

Such an overwhelming gap in power.

Is the Lord army too weak or is Mekishu Grand too strong?

The Lord probably saw us bringing the people from city to safety.

For the sake of helping the people in the city, he challenged the Mekishu Grand even though he knew its reckless.

Or to say, they believe in us, and tried their best to buy the time?

No matter what, their sacrifices are not in vain.

There is a meaning behind their futile attacks.

That.....

「Two hours have already passed.」

After completing my preparations, I stood on the cliff and announced.

It was at this moment that Mekishu Grand turn to our side.

I used my magic.

「《Summon Circle》」

A red colour 6 sided star appeared below my feet.

White colour light pillars are erected.

Though the scale is small, but it is the same light as when the Mekishu Grand appeared.

In the faraway place at the circle formation in the Cultivating Centre.

It is a Rank 6 Summon Magic to bring the people and items inside here instantly.



Of course until the promised time, the people must arrange it.....

I know it.

My comrades, will not betray me.

Finally.

The sound that came from the whirlpool of light.

「Wah, wahh wahh, it's so bright.」

「Yes. But this is definitely..」

A nostalgic voice.

Though only 2 hours have passed since we separated.

I had felt that this 2 hours is very long.

The light disappeared.

Now on the cliff, before me, there is some luggages and 2 young girls.

A girl with black hair and a spear, Arisu.

A girl with golden hair and a white sword, Tamaki.

「Kazu-chi!」

The 2 of them call out at the same time.

I nodded.

And look towards the faraway Mekishu Grand.

「We can talk later. Now we have to defeat that monster.」

I smiled fearlessly.

「Our full strength has assembled. Time to retaliate.」

## Chapter 88: Mekishu Grand

Mekishu Grand began shooting fire arrows at us on the cliff from a few kilometres away.

「《Tempest》」

Mia's magic 《Tempest》 once again swayed the aim of the arrows.

The arrows landed on the plains on the left side of the cliff and created a giant explosion.

The terrifying afterwave of air assaulted towards the cliff.

The people from the city who are taking cover behind the cliff cried out.

Maa, they are already hidden. So they should be fine.

Arisu and Tamaki hid their head and screamed, resisting against the wave.

But after seeing the crater in the centre of the explosion, they took a deep breath instead.

「Ah, Kazu-san, what is going on? What is that monster? And the screams behind the cliff, those are.....」

「A lot of things happened, to put it in simple terms, that is the boss of the monsters, Mekishu Grand. We need to defeat that monster. The situation will be said in details in the white room.」

In the white room, to us, that is the magic language.

Noticing the lack of time and the meaning of talking about it later, Tamaki nodded.

「Ah but can we defeat it?」

Arisu talked to me while using heal on Mia and having cold sweat.

Without any preparation, and suddenly seeing that scary explosion, it is normal to be anxious.

That can't be helped.

Even if I take a look, I don't really have the confidence to win.

Moreover even with Arisu and Tamaki's support, I judged that it will be a tough battle.

But we must win.

The enemy will not let us escape easily, and behind us, there are numerous innocent people.

No, there isn't any duty of obeying whose orders, but.....

The Lord knows that we are not the enemies and fought for time for us.

Then, if I don't reciprocate that, I will feel bad.

And..... I looked at Mia.

Mia nodded while looking at me with "Nnn".

She gave off a sound filled with her spirit.

「If it is just a long range attack, we can defend against for any number of times. We will not let that arrow cause more deaths.」

「Then again, we don't have any way to attack from a few kilometres on our side.」

「If the other party notice that his attacks are not working..... he will probably approach.」

That is what Mia said.

The Centaur shaped monster began running towards us with its huge hooves.

The distance is shrunk rapidly.

「Ah, right, Kazu-san.」

Arisu hurried said.

「On the other side of the cave, there is a Wasp Hive. We defeated many enemies there, and erm, Tamaki-chan's Sword Skill is now Rank 8.」

「That is really reassuring. Tamaki, I will depend on you.」

「Mmm, mmm, I..... erm, will do my best.」

So Tamaki's Sword Skill is already Rank 8.

Then perhaps we can succeed.

I gave Arisu and Tamaki the basic strengthening magic.

《Physical Up》,《Mighty Arm》and《Clear Mind》.

Then I casted 《Resist Element: Wind》and 《Resist Element: Fire》 with《Deflection Spell》.

Along with 《Deflection Spell》 and 《Fly》 by Mia.

There is still time before the enemy is here. So I will add more support magic.....

Just I was thinking about that, the Mekishu Grand released a fire arrow here.

Mia used 《Tempest》again to blow it aside.

But compared to before, the distance that was much closer.

The fire arrow landed near the cliff and the mud along with the blast of air came over.

The people who are hiding behind the cliff are screaming loudly.

「Waiting here is not good.」

「Mmm. We should hurry up and get closer.」

I added 《Haste》 with《Deflection Spell》 and jumped onto the Centaur Knight.

Thanks to Arisu's healing magic, I felt that my body had become lighter.

「Set off!」

While shouting, we dashed towards the boss separately from the cliff.

Arisu and Tamaki went ahead of us as a flash of red light.

Then behind are the 2 Wind Elementals and Mia.

「Arisu, Tamaki, listen to me. The enemy is the Mekishu Grand who is from the legends in this world. It can use the fire arrows and thunder slashes, a monster who can see through everything.」

I kept the names Evil Blaze Strike, Evil Thunder Slash and Evil Dragon Eye from

them.

Even if I used these names to refer to them, they probably will not be able to remember it.

「So tactics like using magic to obstruct vision will not work. Invisibility will not work too. The thunder slashes are unknown so you need to take care on that. If you rely too much on the resistance, it will be dangerous.」

「Yes, I understand!」

「Nn, leave it to me!」

The both of them are only energetic when answering.

Maa, Arisu will probably be careful as how she had replied.

I really hope that she can also take care of Tamaki's portion too..... ah.

Well there are still some chance for victory.

Rank 9 is the limit in this world.

It is really a good thing that Tamaki's Sword Skill had gotten to Rank 8.

No matter how much destructive power the Mekishu Grand has, once we get closer then it is just about close combat.

This has been proven in the battle with the Giants.

No matter how strong the Mekishu Grand is, with Tamaki the close combat specialist, he should also have a close fight.

The giant noticed that we are approaching and the lower hands with the sword and shield went on guard.

Other than that, the hands holding the arrow were preparing.....

「Don't think that you can keep shooting.」

At this time, he was already within range of Mia's magic.

The distance between us is about 200m.

「《Electric Stun》」

Before the giant could release his arrow, she made a preempt electric strike.

That was the Rank 7 Wind Magic that she had just learnt. An electric strike that travels through the enemy's entire body, numbing him for an instant.

The range increases by 30m for every Rank.

This high Rank magic is not really conspicuous..... that was what I had thought.

First of all, this magic is irresistible if resistance magic isn't applied.

The instant of being numb, could create a fatal opening.

Mekishu Grand suffered that blow and lost his target.

The released flame arrow flew in a wrong direction, exploding in a faraway place.

The intensive blast of air assaulted our back.

But taking the chance of the gap, Arisu and Tamaki rushed in.

「Let's go, Arisu!」

「Yes, Tamaki-chan.」

Tamaki's silver sword clashed intensively against the Mekishu Grand's sword in his lower right hand.

The sound of the swords grinding against each other echoed in the surroundings.

At the same time, Arisu's spear is defended by the shield at the lower left arm of Mekishu Grand.

「Che, he guarded it.」

Mia mumbled.

Oh, he could defend against Arisu and Tamaki's attacks simultaneously after taking《Electric Stun》.....

This guy is not simple.

Or rather, Tamaki's Rank 8 Sword skills are being suppressed.

Don't tell me he is Rank 9?

If that is so..... then this is bad.....

「But it seems like his power is not that strong.」

Mia did a smooth flip in the air and returned to my side where I was riding on the Centaur Knight.

「That is when compared against a Giant.」

That is really true, although Arisu's strike was repelled, but Tamaki is fighting evenly against him in the air.....?

No, Tamaki had shaved off the enemy's power with her sword skill.

But I did not judged so from seeing from her skill with the sword.

It was the Centaur Knight who told me that.

Honestly speaking, I can't see the intense fight that Tamaki had with the Mekishu Grand.

Their movements were so fast that I can only see their blurred after images.

That is the territory of those who are above Rank 8.

Is this a fight between those who are at the top?

It seems like Arisu had a tough time approaching.

She is different from Tamaki who had specialised in one area, with her Spear Skill only at Rank 6.

For the sake of the party, there is no other choice, after all she had raised her Healing Magic together.

「Wh..what should I do, Kazu-san.」

Arisu retreated to ask for my instructions.

「How do we break through the statemate?」

I asked the Centaur Knight.

I have to ask the expert for this.

「The enemy is better at the sword. But this seems to be limit of what the Mekishu Grand can do against Tamaki-sama with his body.」

I see, he has 4 arms, but there is only one body.....

That could be crucial point of our attacks.

If that is true.

「Arisu, get to Tamaki's opposite!」

「Huh? Ah, yes!」

Arisu understood my intentions immediately.

She took a big roundabout to get behind Mekishu Grand.

The enemy had changed his position to prevent Arisu from getting her way.

But his attention towards Tamaki has been scattered.

Tamaki took the opportunity to attack.....

Just a bit.

The Centaur shaped giant had his arm with the bow injured.

Mekishu Grand cried out in pain.

Great.....!

I clenched my fist happily.

But in the next second.

Tamaki was blown away with a scream.

「Huh, oi, what is the situation?」

「It's a thunder strike, Owner!」

The Centaur Knight panicky turned around.

Mia grabbed onto my waist in a second.

And Mia and I ran to the ground on the Centaur Knight.....

The area that we were just at, was impacted by the area thunder attack.

We have just barely avoided it.

The raging winds blew over us.

There is a slight burnt smell in the air.



That was a terrifying strike by the sword of Mekishu Grand.

The grassland that were behind us were torn apart by the invisible slash.

And the cracks that appeared on the ground had a metre deep of blackened ditch.

「 Evil Thunder Slash」

Mia mumbled.

Ah, that name, did you have to use it.

Honestly speaking, if Tamaki did not have the resistance placed on her, then it would have been very dangerous.

It is different from the flame arrow, the main problem is that it is hard to avoid it.

Although the attack range is not that wide.....

So actually this guy did not have any weakness at both close and long range.

No, even so, it is better to have close ranged battle than a long ranged battle.

The main thing is that we did not have take any serious injury with that attack.

Especially since that attack can't hit Arisu who got behind.

The attack range is roughly about 180 degree slightly to the right from the front.

It is already quite wide.

Tamaki who took the direct blow is spinning in the air to adjust her posture.

Then immediately she charged with a cry.

She did not seem to have suffered any serious injury but her movements are slightly slower.....

But Tamaki knows that.

And her best friend Arisu also knew that.

「Please, Arisu!」

While swinging her sword at Mekishu Grand, Tamaki cried out.

Arisu read her intentions, and used magic.

「《Range Heal》」

This Rank 4 recovery magic that has 25m range is suitable to be used when fighting against the enemy at close range.

Bathed in Arisu's magic, Tamaki's body is surrounded by a light.

In the end, Tamaki recovered her strength and continued her powerful attacks at Mekishu Grand.

On the other hand, Arisu is threatening the giant from behind.

At the area where the enemy's shield cannot guard against.....

Mekishu Grand suddenly retreated.

Arisu hurriedly disengaged to prevent being taken down.

「It's coming, Owner!」

The Centaur Knight cried out.

Mekishu Grand pulled his bow.

「Mia.」

「Nnn. 《Tempest》」

Mia's violent wind shook the atmosphere greatly.

But Mekishu Grand continued to release his arrow.

This time, we don't even have a distance of 50m between us.

The violent wind from 《Tempest》 did not seem to have reduced the power of the arrow at all, and the flame arrow rushed towards us directly.

The flame arrow exploded in this close distance.

Arisu and Tamaki were blown away while screaming.

The ground before us were smoking.

Really.....

If that is so, then who cares.

「《Reflection》」

While chanting, I understood it.

I was too slow.

The air blast from the explosion passed through the magic shield, assaulting us.

The Centaur Knight used his body as a shield, preventing the blast from reaching me.

He groan with a “guu”.

But my familiar was unable to block the hot air completely, and it burnt my skin.

Before long, hooves sound could be heard from the opposite of the smoke.

I cried out hurriedly.

「Dodge! Escape now!」

The smoke screen screen was broken through, and the Mekishu Grand who had his skin slightly burnt, rushed out.

Shit, did he calculate the explosion of the flame arrow too.

He used the smoke screen and wanted to defeat us individually while we are affected by the blast.

While Mekishu Grand is rushing out, he swung his sword at Arisu who is nearby.

The sword began to shine.

Shit, it is a thunder strike.

While Arisu is adjusting her collapsed posture, she also saw Mekishu Grand's movements clearly.

The enemy is too close so it is hard to avoid him.

「《Flower Coat》」

What she did was to open a light barrier to protect herself.

This is not really a strong defense, but, Arisu probably has no other method.

The girl forcefully used the handle of her spear to guard against the sword that was charged with electricity.

Tragic scream of the girl echoed through the battlefield.

Arisu's body was blown away, spinning through the air, towards the ground.

When the girl landed, a cloud of dust rose.

The Centaur Knight looked at the enemy's movements carefully.

I ordered it to dodge to the side.

And he did an emergency spin in the air.

For the sake of not being thrown off, I cling onto his back desperately.

Mekishu Grand ran in a straight line to put some distance between us.

The Centaur Knight finally fixed his posture.

Tamaki did not wait for me to say before rushing towards Mekishu Grand.

The long range battle is not advantageous to our side.

That is the correct choice, since she needs to buy some time.

Then.....

I called out Arisu's name, causing the Centaur Knight to turn.....

「Wait a moment.」

His actions were stopped by Mia who had approached.

Mia used her tiny hand to grab my shoulder.

「Arisu will be fine. Now, we need to win.」

Mia muttered “Kazu-chi” and approached me.....

Mia reach out and kissed me lightly.

A surprise fast kiss.

But that is enough for me to regain my calm.

Was it a return gift for just now?

「Sorry.」

「Nnn. Just love me properly in the future.」

「That is kind of hard.」

Mia stuck out her tongue

I knocked on her head lightly.

「But now you are really of great help.」

「I am slightly used to being Kazu-chi's hero.」

「Hero..... Is it.」

I smiled bitterly.

「That is something that can't be done by that person, but if it's a hero, then he cannot not do it.」

Mia said so while peeking at my eyes.

「I, must be Kazu-chi's hero.」

「.....Perhaps.」

「Nnnn.」

Mia pouted slightly.

On the other hand, Tamaki stopped Mekishu Grand's attack.

She is having an intense fight with a 6m long monster alone.

She was blown away a few times, and then she will rush in again.

「《Electric Stun》」

Mia gave support at times, and thanks to her, we are maintaining the resistance.

The Centaur Knight, Wind Elementals and I can only observe the intense battle from the side.

But if that is so..... Then it will be tough.

What should I do?

Should I have Mia used her trump card?

「Kazu-chi, I will leave the judgement to you.」

Mia peeked at the chance to enter and raised her head to look at me.

「If it's now, it is fine to go help Arisu, you know?」

「But just now.」

「The Kazu-chi just now, was not calm at all.」

Ah, indeed.

I smiled bitterly.....

And said our next move.

# Chapter 89: Punishing the Monster from Legend

I left Mia and ordered the Centaur Knight to go to the place where Arisu landed.

Or rather I hugged the Centaur Knight's body tightly and left it to him to descend.

The 2 Wind Elementals also followed me.

While Mia continue to support Tamaki who is fighting alone.

First for caution sake, she kept using Rank 1 Earth Magic 《Earth Bound》 to use the grass to bind the Mekishu Grand's feet.....

Mekishu Grand gave a roar.

Tamaki jumped up like a ball.

The moving grass were broken in an instant.

Ah, indeed he has that.

The roar to dissipate magic.

And Mekishu Grand's roar has a stronger effect than I have ever seen before.

Even I who was quite far away from him, was shaken by it.

This dissipating effect is without doubt, much stronger than the General and the Giant's.....ah.

We don't know what is the effect of this ability.

The General defeated Rank 2 Wind Magic 《Silent Field》.

The Giant did so too, but Rank 4 Earth Magic 《Stone Bind》 was not broken.

Although I had wanted to use 《Stone Bind》 on the Mekishu Grand, but it is unlucky that the surroundings are just plains.

If we wanted to test, then we should use something like Rank 5 Wind

Magic《Poison Smog》, but it will drag the surrounding in it.

And now Tamaki is having close combat.....

Ah, no, Tamaki was sent flying.

「《Poison Smog》」

Mia took the chance to make poison smog in the enemy's surroundings.

Mekishu Grand's body was engulfed in the smog and he doesn't seem very comfortable.....

The giant centaur gave out another roar.

The poison smog was dissipated immediately.

So that was useless too.....?

If Rank 5 is ineffective, then everything else is a waste.

Mia had no other methods and decided to use 《Lightning Arrow》and《Electric Stun》to attack directly

Without realising it, I reached Arisu's side.

Near Arisu's landing site, there are only the blackened soil on the ground.

The girl sat up and casted healing magic on her hands and legs.

Her gym clothes were in tatters.

Both her upper body and lower body seems to be seriously injured.

I had the Centaur Knight land beside Arisu.

I jumped down from the Centaur Knight's back and ran to Arisu's side.

「It is already fine, Kazu-san.」

Arisu raised her head and looked at me while looking abit shy.

「There is a slight fracture in my leg, where the bone came out..... It is very painful, so I wish to heal it first so that it will not interfere. 」

「Rather than talking, just hurry up and heal yourself!」

And, there is no need to describe it in detail.



Just listening to it, makes my heart ache.....

From the looks of it, the damages on the gym clothes are near the leg.

Of course, it is covered in blood.

But, the fracture or what..... seems tough.

Evil Thunder Slash.

Just like its name, Evil Thunder Slash, the damage from taking it head on is too great.

It is really good that Arisu is still alive.

Although it is a thin shield, but it is really great that it was up before it hits.

Anyway, the firepower of Mekishu Grand as compared to the other monster until now is at a completely different level.

There are ways of reflecting, but considering the timing, I do not wish to try them.

I am not even sure if 《Reflection》 can reflect the flame arrow back.

And this fellow is so big and yet he is so nimble.

Suddenly jumping to the back, all of a sudden rushing in and blasting Arisu away, I almost thought my heart would stop beating.

Because it has 4 legs, so it's rush is very strong.

Moreover, he has 4 arms so it can handle both long range and close range.

Anyway, it has no weakness, so it is hard to give a decisive blow.

Ah, no wonder it only appeared in the legends.

Then again, how is it defeated in the legend?

If only I had heard it from that soldier.

No, actually if there is anyway of defeating it, please do tell me.

Isn't there any detailed records or perhaps it was something like a Hero who used his power to defeat it?

No matter what, we have already come to this.

So let's just put that aside for now.....

Then we have to create our own attack method.

「It doesn't hurt anymore?」

「Ye.. Yes. I am almost completely okay.」

I stared at Arisu's eyes without moving.

Ah I am a bit afraid.

「Heal until your pain are gone. If you try to endure it, then there will be a punishment game later.」

「Ah, that, that..... ah, a punishment game huh.」

Arisu is panicking.

Why are you blushing, miss.

If you become like Mia, then I will cry you know.

This is to say that your body being perfectly fine is the most important thing in this battle plan.

So now you have to concentrate on healing.

Other than that, please listen to me.

「Actually, Mia is hiding a trump card. A surprise attack that can only be used once. We must decide our victory with this.」

Looking at the battlefield, Tamaki is already full of wounds, but yet she is desperately restraining the Mekishu Grand.

Perhaps 《Haste》is about to end.

《Fly》is still active, but it will not last long.

In the worst situation, we have to end it before 《Fly》ends.

There shouldn't be another chance for us to gather to add more support magic, since the enemy will not allow me to do that.

I explained to Arisu on how the plan will proceed in a plain manner.

Though I said that, the things needed to be done are very simple.

It is to use Mia's magic to catch him off guard.

Taking the opportunity when the opponent's posture is broken, then attacking all at once.

It is just that.

Arisu stopped her healing magic and said "it is already fine..... really." and stood up.

I looked into her eyes and nodded.

Ah ah, why am I so self-importance.

I am just purely afraid that Arisu may push herself too much.

And in this time period, Tamaki is also getting injured.

Mia is also desperately battling.

It isn't strange that Arisu will be worried about them.

Now she is sitting there looking at me while feeling uneasy.

She probably wanted to hurry back into the fray.

「Sit on the back of the Centaur Knight. It is better to be together until we are abit closer.」

「Ye.. yes.」

I sat on the Centaur Knight together with Arisu.

I was at the front while Arisu is at the back.

If it is like this, then she can jump off anytime.

Arisu's chest area is tightly pressed onto me.

That voluptuous breast and the pressure that is on my back..... No, really, no matter what, it is great.

Let me repeat myself, no matter what, it is great.

For the precaution sake, I gave Arisu 《Haste》.

The Centaur Knight flew into the sky.

「The chance is only for an instant, and there will only one chance. If it doesn't

work, then we will retreat, is that okay?」

「But, the people behind the cliff.....」

「We will escape and ignore them.」

I said it clearly.

Arisu took a deep breath.

I cannot compromise on this.

There is no meaning to a battle without any chance of victory.

So there is only one gamble, if it doesn't work, then we must escape no matter what kind of sacrifice we have to make.

I already don't wish to see any more of my companions get injured.

Or even worse, die.

Hence, I can sacrifice as many strangers as I can.

After Arisu hesitated, she nodded.

She probably understood my feelings.

「So it means as long as we win, then everything will be fine.」

「No, hmm, maa, it is just like that.」

She took it too far.

Maaa, it's okay.

Just as she said, as long as we win.

The Centaur Knight passed Mia who is continuously firing magic.

Her face looks pale.

She is probably tired after using so many magic.

Afterall this battle cannot be dragged for too long.

「Mia!」

At around 50m diagonal of Tamaki, I shouted.

「We are about to do it, coordinate the timing!」

「Nn!」

Tamaki heard our voices, I believed that, and she began to attack Mekishu Grand even more aggressively.

The 4 armed giant blew Tamaki away in retaliation.....

Now.

「Mia!」

「《Gravity》」

Mia release her Rank 7 Wind Magic 《Gravity》at Mekishu Grand.

Which is the so called gravity magic.

The giant monster's surrounding is engulfed in an area where the gravity changed.

Mekishu Grand's weight suddenly increase over ten-fold.

The giant's movements became slow.

This magic is only effective for about 10 seconds.....

The grass are tightly pressed onto the ground.

The ground in the surroundings are slowly sinking.

Mekishu Grand groaned, and.....

Roared.

No matter how the giant who is immobilized, shouted, there is no change to the gravity.

Good, he cannot break Rank 7 magic!

Even so Mekishu Grand used his entire strength and attempt to break free.....

Soon, 10 second is about to be up.

「Now, Mia!」

「Nnn. 《Reverse Gravity》」

This is the Rank 7 Wind magic that corresponds to 《Gravity》, and 《Reverse Gravity》 is released.

The effect is creating a space that is completely different from 《Gravity》.

Which is to say.....

Mekishu Grand's giant body floated.

The giant who was using all his might to resist against the gravity, had his posture destroyed, and began to spin in the air.

「Arisu!」

「Yes!」

Arisu held her spear and dashed out like an arrow from the Centaur Knight's back.

These magics that were taught to her in advance.

Arisu who had mastered the three dimensional movement of flying magic quickly.

I believe that if it's her, she will be able to move in the abnormal gravity space.

Mekishu Grand released his fire arrow at Arisu who is rushing in.

But now that giant monster's body is spinning in a complicated manner.

His aim was off.

In the far off area behind us, a big explosion occurred.

Hence the giant changed to use his sword to release his thunder strike.

The blow that injured Arisu badly.....

「《Tempest》」

Mia released her storm at Mekishu Grand who is spinning.

Normally such a thing will not affect him, but now there is no gravity around that monster.

Mekishu Grand's body began to spin in the opposite direction, and the thunder strike went to the wrong place.

Naturally, Arisu who is nearby, is affected by the storm, but the girl fixed her

bearing quickly after she was affected and flew towards the enemy who is below her.

Then.

With her sharp cry, Arisu proceeded in a straight path like an arrow.

Her body and her spear hit Mekishu Grand's arm who is holding the sword as one.

The giant cried out in pain.

The sword fell.

「Tamaki!」

「Nn, leave it to me!」

After Arisu's strike, the enemy's attack stopped.

Taking chance of the gap, Tamaki closed in and her white sword torn open Mekishu Grand's chest.

Blue blood sprayed out.

After that, the battle became one-sided.

Mekishu Grand against the 2 of them who got close, he is unable to move his body as he wished, and was one-sidedly slashed and stabbed.....

That time 《Reverse Gravity》 has already ended, but he is still rolling on the ground. It seems like the enemy has yet to recover from his confusion.

I don't know which blow or the dozens of wounds became the fatal injury.

Giving its final cry, the giant monster laid on the ground.

Then its body disappeared without moving.

What was left, is two yellow gems.

At the same time, we entered the white room.

Seems like Arisu and Tamaki leveled up at the same time.

## Chapter 90: Envoy

In the white room, we rejoiced in our reunion.

Tamaki began to drill her forehead on my chest.

Looking at that, Arisu smiled while looking a bit troubled.

I waved to Arisu and stroked her head.

「Thank you for coming.」

Really, I am really grateful for it.

When I used summon magic to summon the 2 of them, I had a strand of doubt on whether if they will appear.

But after seeing their faces, I calmed down.

If they responded to my summons, then it could be possible that they are embarking on a journey where they can never return.

It is also possible that they will die the moment they are summoned.

Even so the 2 of them still entered the magic circle that I prepared in the Cultivating Centre.

And came to this cruel battlefield.

No matter how I thank them, it wouldn't be enough.

「Then let's enjoy the joy of the reunion.」

I don't know when Mia had taken out the ropes and candles from the back.

Oi, haven't you thrown away those things?

「As for Tamaki there who made a mistake and was blown away, a punishment is a must.」(TL note: referring to the battle at the northern forest)

「Ah, that, really, I am sorry! But wait a minute, Shiki-senpai is already very angry with me about that.」

「Indeed, you are not showing any signs of repenting..... Kazu-chi.」



Mia looked at me.

I shrugged my shoulders.

「Don't make it too painful.」

「Ah, shouldn't Arisu stop this here? Kazu-san, why me..... ah.」

The panicking Tamaki escaped from Mia who are holding the ropes.

While the 2 of them are chasing around each other, I turned towards Arisu.

「So Arisu and Tamaki are at level 20?」

「Yes, after we separated from Kazu-san, we battled at the left path and outside etc.....」

「Can you tell me the detailed situation?」

I heard from Arisu on how they spent those 2 hours.

In the left path of the cave, there was a beehive ahead.

Although there is a hive but there is no queen bee, it is just a nest whereby the captured girls are used as seedbed for the Giant Wasps' eggs.

「Seedbed?」

Reacting to that word, Mia came back.

You are really a deplorable girl.

「That..... can you talk about it in greater details?」

「Kazu-chi is very interested in it.」

Oi oi, don't put words into my mouth.

Even though I said so, it is still better to hear about it.

It could become the reason for the orcs' actions.

「The girls who were saved, said that after they were caught by Globster's hands, they are swallowed inside. Then when they came to, they are already in the room in the left path. Their bodies were paralysed and their stomach were budging, then later they discovered that the wasp monsters are being borned..... Over half of the kids died during the birth. Even if they did not die,

there are also a lot of them who went crazy..... And there are also people who could not be cured by my 《Cure Mind》. Shiki-san said that those are her responsibilities, and then..](TL note: refers to the Bonus Chapter in volume 3.)

Arisu stopped and lowered her head.

Then in a small voice, she muttered.

「Killed them.」

Is it.. I nodded.

I wouldn't say who.

Shiki is a person who will do what she said, just like how she said to me in the past.

I looked at the ceiling.

Shiki-san who clenching her teeth and laid the students, who went crazy, to rest in peace.

Just like how I see her.

That is fine.

If there is no meaning in them living on after today.

Then if they become a burden to the Cultivating Centre.....

「Tamaki-chan and I did not do anything.」

It is really like Shiki-san.

But towards the matter on protecting Arisu and Tamaki, I am really grateful for it.

Although this sounds selfish, but to me, they are the most important.

「Other than that, there are people who did not return after being swallowed by the Globster. We feel that being swallowed by the Globster may have some hidden meaning.」

「Then what about the Globster that transferred us?」

「Sakura-chan defeated it. It disappeared after leaving the corpses of the girls..... and a yellow gem.」

Arisu took out the gem from her bag.

Looking into it, there are many blue gems that were collected before.

That is..... what Shiki-san collected.

Indeed, I can't thank Shiki-san enough.

Oh, I am a greedy fellow.

「Then regarding the value of the yellow gem..... I heard from the computer that is worth about 100 red gems.」

「100 points?」

That is incredible.

No, incredible..... not.

Defeating the Mekishu Grand only gave 2 yellow gems.

About 200 orcs.

.....Ah, then again, how about experience that the Mekishu Grand is worth.

「Ah, If I didn't level up, then that fellow is below level 42.」

「Ah, Mia has already calculated it? Arisu, Tamaki, both of you?」

「We mostly remembered the enemies that we defeated. The Globster is defeated by Sakura who is in another party, so it should be accurate.....」

Then the result after we calculated our experiences.....

「Hmm, about this much?」

「Seems so..... ah.」

「Really?」

「Ah. If Kazu-chi did not mistaken the number that he defeated, then it is accurate.」

At the ending of the battle in the city, Mia went to convince the people in the city.

If the number that was defeated when I used the catapult was not wrong, then our calculation should be accurate.

But I am probably not wrong.....

「Then the level of Mekishu Grand is..... around 41, 42 huh.」

Over level 40?

All of us sighed.

「He is indeed strong. Currently the strongest General is also under level 20.」

「Suddenly an enemy that is over twice the highest level, that really gave me a scare.」

Tamaki, who is able to win against that enemy is over twice the highest level, smiled unhurriedly.

In that battle, I did not even see Tamaki's sword.

If Rank 8 is like that, then what about Rank 9.

「Anyway what is Mekishu Grand? I feel that it must be a last boss.」

「Ah, hmm, if that is so.....then I will be glad. 」

I roughly spoke the words that I heard from the soldier.

Tamaki and Arisu frowned.

「That is a mass-produced soldier..... huh? What the heck is it.」

「A lot of that sort of monster..... I don't really want to think about it.」

It is normal for their thoughts to be like that.

Mia also shrugged her shoulders.

「Don't inflate the situation」

「At most it is just a legend. We don't really know how many there are in reality. Before that, the problem is that even if we reach Rank 9, we are only at the same level with it.....」

And that is only on the level of close combat.

There is no way to win in long distance.

This time, it is because there are no obstacles, so we can attack it from all sides.....

If there are other obstacles then it will be hard to defeat it.

No, it is not only hard to defeat.

There is another thing.

「If something above that appears, then we are powerless.」

I pointed that out.

Mia glared at me with the thoughts「I don't even want to think about it.....」

Even if she said that, I can't help it.

「Before that, I felt that if we reach Rank 9 then we can go toe to toe with the Maou. But now we discovered that that may not be the case.」

「In a MMO, the real thing began when you reach max level.」

Ah, this gamer brain.

Wait, MMO.....?

「In this sort of game, after reaching max level, it is about gathering rare equipment to increase their capability.」

「Nnn. Although the situation is different, most of it..... is about hunting strong monsters in raid. Then hunting stronger monster for stronger equipment etc.」

So to say, from now on, we have to keep gathering equipment?

「Also things like limit break.」

「Perhaps Mia Vendor has something.」

That Mia Vendor has all sorts of new tools, but sadly nothing could be used to break our limits.

Originally, Arisu had brought about 300 points.

And we got about 100 points in the battle at the city.

Just now the 200 from the Mekishu Grand that we defeated, so in total..... we have about 600 points.

Just that, will not get us anything.

Even if we can use the tool duplication, but there is nothing good to duplicate.

Then began to understand the situation in greater details.

There are only 3 “normal” girls that were rescued from the cave.

That is something that can't be helped.

The attacks from the wasps have also ended.

From now on, the party with Nagatsuki Sakura as the centre will set up all sorts of things in the surroundings at the Cultivating Centre to take care of the remaining orcs.

The General is already gone, so if they do it properly, then they will be able to settle the west side of the mountain today.

The least they must do, is to protect the warehouse where the food are at.

I see, to Shiki, she probably had the protection of the Cultivation Centre as the goal.

The only thing I am worried about, is the situation in the high school section.....

「Once, Mia's brother had sent an envoy. It's a big-breast and beautiful lady!」

Tamaki said happily.

「Th..that... is brother's..... lover?」

「No, although I don't really think so.」

Mia said while pouting.

Hmm, so she want to gossip about it, I understand that.

「Currently the high school section is divided into 2 fractions and they are working together with eliminating the orcs as their main aim.」

「The 2 fractions are referring to.....」

「Those who are left from the incident at the boys' dormitory and the group that has Mia's brother as the center.」

Is it, I nodded.

Yuki-senpai must have done as promised, and gathered the remaining forces at the high school section.

The power at the boys' dormitory still remained..... is it because there are too many of them?

「And so, the relaxing and steaming hot honeymoon is here!」

I see, Shiki may not have noticed it, but it can be thought that Arisu and Tamaki's journey away from the Cultivating Centre can also be seen as a holiday.

Indeed Mia met with my sight and slowly nodded.

Hmm, but sad to say, we don't have the time to relax.

There is all sorts of problem with this world, and something must have happened.

If not, that Lord would not have made such a crazy plan like using his citizens as bait.

Initially I had suspected the mental condition of the Lord.

Did he sacrificed the entire city for his own safety?

But when the Lord's troops attacked the Mekishu Grand..... I finally understood.

What is there, is the limitless hate towards the enemy.

Just like the boundless hate, that Nagatsuki Sakura had as the lead along with the kids that we saved from the orcs.

「First of all, let's listen to what the people in the city have to say.」

「Ah, yes.」

Then after we comforted, chatted and discussed all sorts of things with each other.....

We returned to the original place.

To the place where the people who had their city destroyed and barely escaped, awaits.

Arisu: Level 20 Spear Skill 6／Healing Magic 5 Skill Point 4

Tamaki: Level 20 Sword Skill 8／Physical 1 Skill Point 3

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We returned to the plains.

An eagle flew through the blue sky.

Other than that, there are no signs of any other birds.

The intense battle until just now, had scared away all the other animals.

But only that eagle flew leisurely in the sky.

As though it is moving around for the sake of surveying the area.

Then I suddenly remembered that I had used crows to investigate.

Yes, that eagle's movement is very similar to the time when I used the crow's eyes to scout.

Mia discovered that I am staring at the eagle and asked me.

I told Mia my suspicion.

「Hmm. Then..... Do you want to try calling out?」

「Ah, I can.」

Mia nodded and used Rank 3 Wind Magic 《Whisper Sound》.

Just now the Hobgoblins also used it, 《Whisper Sound》 is a magic that can bring sound to a faraway target.

I had given Mia 《Many Tongues》, so if it is an eagle controller, he should react if he can hear the voice.

But when I scouted with my crow, it is using 《Remote Viewing》, so I can't hear anything nor control the target.

If I want to do that, I may need Rank 8 Summon Magic 《Remote Control》.

But the eagle..... Had a reaction.

It lowered to our side and after going a round above our heads.....

Mia raised her arm up like an eagle trainer.



The eagle landed on Mia's arm.

「This is the first time we meet, visitors from another world.」

The eagle spoke.

That was the voice of a young woman.

# Chapter 91: Feast

We flew back to the cliff from the deeply scarred plains.

In midst, we listen to the eagle's voice.

No, it should be the female voice from the eagle.

The eagle that is like a familiar, is currently being hugged by Mia using both her arms.

「We are Ara Furaara. In human terms, it means People of the Light. The Protector of the World Tree. My name is Rirandarukarakumuru Ra Furamusa.....」(TL note:アーラ・フラーラ and リーランドールカラークムール・ラ・フラームサー)

「Wait, wait a minute, can you put your name in a simpler form please?」

「..... Then call me, Rin.」

「Okay, I understand. Good girl, good girl.」

Mia began caressing the eagle's head as it seems displeased after being interrupted with her self-introduction.

And also she continued to the eagle's throat region.

The eagle closed its eyes, seemingly feeling very comfortable.

「Wait a minute, this eagle is my familiar. If you do that, ahh~ oi, wait a second, ah!」

The eagle seems to be giving off a weird sound.

Ah, this person seems to be linked with it?

This feels like my Rank 8 Support Magic 《Symphatize》, although I have yet to learn it. (TI note: 《シンパサイズ》)

「Ah so cute, Kazu-chi, look look.」

Mia turned towards this side and smiled happily.

Wait..... Be careful.

The other party is an important source of information, you should know when to stop.

The eagle flapped his wings and escaped from Mia's arms.

Just like that, it began to fly in the sky

Ah, it got angry.

「Sorry, my bad, so please tell us the information.」

「Mia, you.....」

「Because the voice is too cute, so I did it.」

We, who have gotten to the cliff, were surrounded by the people who escaped from the city.

Because we defeated the giant centaur, so we were quite well-liked.

Especially Arisu and Tamaki who gave the final blow, were very welcomed.

The natives lowered with heads and with their hands facing up while crying. This should be the meaning of their gratitude.

「Oh, Goddess of Destiny Al-Sazaar. Ah thank you for your guidance. Oh Great Magic User's servants, the noble female warriors, may the protection of the God of War Galgos protect you.」

Al-Sazaar and Galgos.

The Goddess of Destiny and the God of War.

The beliefs of these seems like ancient greece and roman, giving off a feeling of multiple religion.....

Wa...wait a minute.

Great Magic User..... Ah, did they get something wrong?

Don't tell me.....

From how it seemed to them, Arisu and Tamaki are the familiars that I summoned?

Mia used an awkward tone and explained that they are humans.

They were shocked and troubled.

「They are humans just like us..... and they can battle with the divine soldier?」

「Nnn. Yes. That is the power of the Great Magic User and magic.」

The crowd seems to be in commotion.

Oi oi, you should not say something unsuitable.

Although I am a bit mindful on the term divine soldier.

I hurriedly and said that those were the abilities of Arisu and Tamaki, and pushed the people's thanks to the 2 of them.

They began to worship Arisu and Tamaki again.

「Hey hey, Kazu-san. What are these people saying? What is it?」

Tamaki was shocked.

Ah shit.

I gave Arisu and Tamaki 《Many Tongues》.

To Arisu and Tamaki who are now able to understand them, they indeed panicked after hearing the worship-like praises.

Maa..... I can also understand these words, and even if you don't understand their words, they will probably still react in the same way.

At there, Arisu found the wounded people among the citizens.

And gave me a look.

「Arisu, can I ask you to heal them?」

「Nnn!」

Arisu began to hurriedly heal the citizens' wounds.

Ah, anyway I feel that she is completely being idolised.

The birth of a Saint.....

Well.

The eagle in the sky is still circling as though it is still pouting.

There is no other choice.

The time has already reached noon.

Suddenly I felt hungry.

Maa..... Now there isn't any danger here, so I guess it is fine?

I used 《Summon Feast and Set》.

Slim tables are lined up on the cliff.

On the pure white table cloth, the delicious cuisines are still steaming hot.

Things like roasted whole bird, a bowl full of salad, white soup, roasted beef, paella like thing, pizza like thing and potato salad *etc.*

Drinks, wines, beers, juices, everything are there.

Even if there is 100 people, the amount is enough to fill them up.

Under the blue sky, a banquet appeared in an instant.

To the citizens who had their eyes wide opened, I told them let's eat together.

Because I can't waste my MP, so I did not call out the servants. Although even if I call them out, they will thank the butlers and the maids.

Time to eat.

Arisu and Tamaki just followed and ate a bit of salad.

No, Tamaki began moving at the roasted beef as though it is nothing.

If you eat too much, you may not be able to move you know.

「Be..because it looks super delicious! It tastes really good!」

「Oh, oh..... then eat to your fill. Take it as replenishing after exercising. After all I still have 7 MP, if necessary, I can summon another table.」

「Ah, that..... I can't eat that much.....」

There is a total of 87 people from the citizens left.

3 soldiers.

Around 10 elderly, 30 children.

Because anyone who can fight are recruited, so most of the fit young men who are able to work, are all killed.

In such a situation, how will they survive from now on?

Don't I have to consider about this now?

Also was it lured by the smell of food? The eagle flew down and landed at the side of the table.

Arisu placed some appropriate meat on the plate and the eagle began to eat with relish.

Is it satisfied with the taste of the cuisine? The eagle looked over here.

It's black pupils seems to suck one in.

No, should I say in the depths of the eagle's eyes, are the serious looks of that person?

「I wish to continue talking with you, Kazu-chi.」

「Please wait a second. That is what Mia used to call me. Hmm, call me Kazu.」

「I understand, Kazu. Let me put this straight, wouldn't you come to the World Tree?」

World Tree.....

The word from fantasy came out.

A giant sized tree huh.....

A leaf that can revive someone, but in reality it is an orbital elevator.

Ah right.

I talked to the soldier who is chewing on his meat.

The middle-aged guy who told me the name of the giant centaur.

「Do you know about the World Tree?」

「Yes, Great Magic User-sama. It is the place where the People of Light and the Demi-humans stay. It is a huge tree that pierce through the sky, that is what the protectors of the World Tree of Beginning said.. If such a thing really exist, then we will be able to see it from a faraway place.....」

「Ah I see that this world knows what is curvature」

「Curvature..... what is that?」

The soldier was stupefied.

No, even if I know that, it has no use.

Whether the land is a flat surface or it is a sphere, anything is fine.

Anyway, hmmm, demi-humans huh.....

It is possible that they may look down on humans.

No, before that, what kind of people are the demi-humans?

「Oh oh, don't Rin-chi have long ears?」

「There is no such thing..... Wait please don't get near me.」

When Mia got near, the eagle moved its wings and landed on the grass.

It seems to be determined to not get closer or rather, decided to ignore her.

「Chii, aren't you an Elf?」

「Wait a minute, Mia. If an Elf does not have long ears, then they may not be an Elf.」

「Oh, is it?..... Then how tall is Rin-chi?」

「That.....」

Ah, the eagle went silent.

Is it some inferiority complex?

「Once you see me, you will understand.」

I get this feeling that we will meet soon.....

「Don't tell me you stay near here? Rin-san?」

「No, if you began to walk from here, it will take about a month.」

Then if we keep walking around to meet each other, wouldn't it be bad.....?

「Activating a transfer gate. This familiar is prepared for invoking such a magic.」

A transfer gate.

We looked at each other.

That word is our clue.

That fearful and disgusting piece of meat, the Globster.

The existence that transferred us to this place.

The existence that summoned out the giant centaur.

「As long as we use that, we can transfer from here to the World Tree immediately.....」

「I see.」

「The place where the World Tree is, is it safe?」

The eagle went silent again.

Oi, don't keep quiet at that timing.....

Maa..... although it is good to be honest.

「Rin-san. Please explain to us about the danger that the World Tree is in.」

「..... Currently, we are under a large-scale monster attack.」

Is that so.

So they wanted our power?

If it is just that, perhaps we can work together.

If the owner of that voice understand the geography of this world, perhaps they can help us get back to the mountain where our school is at.

Even if we don't know the exact location, if we can get the gathered information.....

No, with the investigation ability of the eagle and the transfer gate, there is the possibility that we can return to the Cultivating Centre in an instant.

But that is under the premise that we can block the monsters' assault.

If there are stronger monsters than that giant centaur..... there is such a possibility.



「How big is that scale?」

「There are about 20 thousand with the orcs as the main force.」

Oi, wait a moment.

Aren't there too many enemies.

「Ah, how many people are there at the World Tree?」

「In our army, there are about 2000 soldiers who are apt at battle in the forest and there are about 1000 soldiers who survived and evacuated here. Other than that, there are about 2000 animals like wolves and bears.」

There are also much more combat power on Rin-san side than I expected.

If it's the bears, then they are definitely stronger than the orcs.

If there is so many of them, wouldn't they be able to fight on par with the orcs in the forest?

No, it can't be that simple.

Among the monsters, there are some who are very strong.

Until now, those that we have fought before are the Elite Orcs, General Orcs, and.....

「Are there any monsters like the giant centaur?」

「Currently it is unconfirmed if there are any divine soldiers. But there is the possibility that it is a back-up.」

「Then what is the possibility?」

「Currently it is just a possibility.」

She seemed to have answered the unadvantageous things properly.

Rin-san seems to be honestly conversing with us.

If it is like this, I nodded and glanced at the soldier who is dumbfounded beside me.

Then at Arisu, Tamaki, Mia in this sequence.

Tamaki who was busy eating, did not look over here.

Mia who seemingly wanted to listen in, kept looking over.

「If it is without our power, is it possible for you to defeat the monster army?」

But she is quite faraway.

「Honestly speaking, I don't know too. In the situation where a divine soldier enters, a tough fight will be unavoidable.」

「So for that, you need our strength?」

「Yes. If we want to win, we will need your assistance, so please consider.」

She is indeed frank.

No, or rather it should be that there isn't much time to negotiate with us?

Or is it that she just wanted to show her sincerity.

If it is like that, then we should make some request of our own.

「Can we bring all of the survivors in this city? We can't just leave them here. Although it is best that your people can protect them.....」

「We have that intention since the beginning. Even if you decided to decline the invitation, they will also accept it.」

Hmm? Why?

I have a feeling that I don't want to understand.

They can't depend on them as combat strength.

And when the battle begins, these people will only become burdens.

Doing nothing but consuming food.

Maa, perhaps they can provide a bit of labour, but it can only be till a certain extent.

And the demi-humans in the World Tree, will probably reject outsiders.....

No, the ones rejecting, would they be the citizens here?

Anyway, I don't think that they have a very good relationship.

「Then after that, what plans do you have?」

「After gathering the survivors, after the war, there is the important thing of

reviving the world.」

Ah, I see.

.....Ah, how should I do this.

「Hey, Mia」

「Kazu-chi, did you need me to explain something.」

「No..... I wish to hear your opinion on my weird feeling in the conversation.」

Mia nodded

「The world is facing destruction. The only hope, is the humans' last fortress which is the World Tree, is that right?」

「Ah..... Is that so.....」

The eagle's eyes turned over here.

「Currently, we have judged that there are 7 bases in this land that have the ability to battle with the monsters. The World Tree is one of them. The majority of the places in this land are occupied by the monsters and destroyed. We, the humans, will be exiled out from this land.」

We faced each other and gave out a “waaa” sound.

This feels bad.....

Isn't this the state whereby it is at checkmate?

What are the aims of the monsters, how do they fight *etc.* Although there are all sorts of things that we wanted to hear about.....

There are 2 choices.

Are we going to interfere with the war in this world?

If it is so, then it will go against their wishes, but no matter what, we must protect the Cultivating Centre.

「Kazu-chi. Even if we run away, it is definitely useless.」

「I understand. Actually even if there isn't a choice, it is fine too. But everyone's opinion is also.....」

「Opinion?」

Mia shrugged her shoulders.

「Arisu-chi and Tamaki-chi are fine with being affected by Kazu-chi?」

Arisu nodded seriously.

Tamaki's mouth is dirtied by the sauce and nodded while chewing on the meat in her mouth.

Okay, you can eat slowly.

After all, we don't know when we can eat again slowly after this.

I looked at the eagle once again.

「I understand. Then after we finished eating, please activate the transfer gate. Bring those among here who wish to participate through the transfer gate. Of course all of us will go.」

「Thank you for your decision, Great Magic User Kazu.」

「Kazu is fine. Don't use any other excessive names.」

From the conclusion, it seems like all of the survivors from the city have all decided to go to the World Tree with us.

Even if they stay in this place, it is hard for them to survive.

So even if they have to lower themselves to those who call themselves demi-humans, they must also survive.

That is their role, while the women who scolded the soldiers roughly said while smiling.

Hmm, sounds like there are some racism.

Anyway, I have warned them that it is forbidden to hold an aggressive attitude.

I recalled all the summoned familiars.

We must be sincere to those who are moving.

And currently Arisu and Tamaki are around.....

「Then, activate the transfer gate.」

The eagle landed on the centre of the cliff and its wings gusted up strong winds.

The white light scattered outwards and engulfed the place where less than 100 people were gathered.

Dizziness and disgust.

It feels like being swallowed by a huge whirlpool.

Our conscious blurred.

Just like being transferred away by the Globster.

Then, we.....

# Chapter 92: The Path in the Forest

We who are transferred, appeared in a round-tube shaped lobby.

It is a dark room which is about 100m in diameter.

Arisu, Tamaki, Mia and roughly about 90 people are looking around.

I too surveyed around.

The walls are made of wood and slightly rough to the touch.

The top seems to be using something like an window, and the gentle sunlight shone in from there.

At the entrance of the lobby, many humans stood there looking towards here.

Because they are standing in the rays, we can't see them properly.....

The big-sized males are standing as though they are protecting the female in the centre.

But I feel that their outline is kind of violating something.

「Kemomimi!」(TL note: literally beast ears)

Mia shouted.

And ran towards their direction as though she is flying.

The strong guys, facing Mia's assault, steadily got ready.

But Mia got passed the men's roughly around Rank 5 Sword Skill's movement easily and rushed towards the female that they were protecting.

And touched the female's ears.

There are no ears on the 2 sides on her head.

Yes, on her head, there are ears like a cat.....

Ah, there is a tail too.

I see, so it's like this.....

The female gave out a shriek.

Even if I took notice of her voice, but that is not the voice that was given out by that eagle.....

The human voice by the eagle was slightly higher.

Then the males hurriedly, pulled Mia who is caressing the cat-like ears away from the female.

A tragedy.....

「Arisu, grab her back.」

「Y..Yes!」

Arisu squeezed in between the males and grabbed Mia up by her neck.

「Nyaa~」

Mia gave out a cute cry.

Ah, you, don't think of getting back in.

「Don't worsen the people's image of you when they met you for the first time.」

「It can't be helped. Sessha, am a beastman lover.」(TL note: Sessha = I, usually used in old periodic drama by samurais)

Who is Sessha...

This girl..... Is really the sister of that ninja.

The female who was assaulted by Mia, squatted with her arms hugging her head.

Arisu bowed in apology towards that female.

The surrounding men are troubled on what to do.

Ah, but they are still wary of Mia, as their tails are standing straight up like rods.

And the ears on their heads too, are trembling as though they are nervous.

Mmm, it is like this..... they are the so-called beastmen that everyone had said.....

If so..... then this is the city of the beastmen.

They are the same as us, having 2 ears on the side of the head and there are also ears on the top of their heads.

Just what kind of evolution did they go through to become like this?

Or rather, these people are not confused even with 4 ears?

Yes, there are ropes when Mia opened her bag.

Ah there are collars too.

There are whips too.

「Mia, is this used for “PLAY”? Or for animals?」

「Of course it is for “PLAY”.」

Okay, I placed a collar on her neck.

「Ooo, Kazu-chi wants to play with some high-level PLAY.....」

「Tamaki, take this whip. When Mia began to make a commotion, you know what to do.」

「Leave it to me, Kazu-san!」

When Tamaki and Mia is playing the slave game, I walked towards the beastmen with the cat ears.

「I will have that girl apologise properly later. But sorry, can you bring us to where Rin-san is?」

「Ah, we should be the ones who are sorry. We will immediately.....」

The men are still very wary, and ignoring them, we went outside with the female's guide.

Our vision widened and the sunlight shone down on us.

I squinted my eyes.

When the strong wind blew over.

The road made of wood was before me.

No, it's a bridge.



Huh? This is.....

I finally understood the situation that we are currently in.

The lobby that we were in until now, was actually inside the hole of a very huge tree.

And the tree hole is a few dozen meters from the ground.

The bridge that we are standing on, is only until the height of the tree hole.

The place where the bridges are at, are not only on our side.

There are other wooden bridges used for travelling nearby.

There are bridges erected everywhere.

And the middle of the linked bridges became the city square, and the houses are built at the side.

This can be said as the city in the trees.

This is a scene that can make one awestruck.

Or rather this is just like a certain scene in a movie.....

「We have to go see Galadriel-sama.」

Mia who had a collar on began to cry out with a “MUFU”

Ahah, I really feel that during these times, her reaction is really normal.

That’s right. The Lord of the Rings.

After the battle with the Monster of Fire, after they exit out of the cave, the scene of the forest.

Under the sunlight shone through the gaps of the leaves, a beautiful Elf Queen stood there..... (TL note: the scene from lord of the rings. Not sure if it is accurate since I didn’t watch it)

Looking around, the people walking on the wooden bridges are guys and girls with cat or dog ears.

Occasionally there are people with long ears like a rabbit.

There are ears on the top of everyone’s heads.

There is nobody that looks like an Elf.

Although the situation is like this, Mia alone is excited.

You are, really.....

「This is..... Really looking forward to Rin-tan's appearance. Ku fuufuu...」(TL note: the raw says Ria but it should be Rin I think)

「Don't use that naming and the tone too.」

「Ehh muuu.....」

Mia suddenly shutted her mouth.

Good, good, a smart and understanding kid.

I caressed Mia's head and she closed her eyes and turn towards here.

「I am here.」

The female with the cat ears stood in front.

So we followed her.

The people whom we helped in the city, also followed behind without hesitation.

The wooden bridge gave out a Keekee sound while shaking when the wind blows, such a scary design.....

Tamaki grabbed onto the corner of my shirt tightly.

Behind are the survivors from the city, carefully walking while scared.

The people with the cat ears don't seem to mind the shaking bridge at all.

Or rather, the people who are staying in this city in the trees, when they are walking on the unstable bridge, their bodies are completely not shaking.

While we walked with a Keekee on the wooden boards, we almost couldn't hear their footsteps.

Hmm, indeed the natives have different adaptation to their surroundings.

For people who need to protect this city, it is better for such people to be lively like them.

While thinking of the battle that happened just now, we followed the female with cat ears.

「I feel that because of my fear, my eyes are spinning.」

Arisu smiled bitterly.

Then I am the same too.

Tamaki, you have been grabbing onto my shirt since sometime ago.....

「Because, high place, scary!」

「You were flying just now.....」

「It is fine if I was the one flying.....」

Ah, mmmm, so that's it.

There is that kind of the fear of heights.

I gently caressed Tamaki's head.

「Nevermind, even if you leak, it is fine!」

「Kazu-san, you are so bad!」

Tamaki glared at me with her eyes that are brimming with tears.

Why is Arisu glaring at me too?

「Kazu-san, it is not good to be bad.」

「Ah yes, I will reflect upon it.....」

And lowered my head decisively.

Even if it is unreasonable, I was glared at by Tamaki.

「Your reaction is different..... Kazu-san, if it's Arisu, you will just listen to her.....」

「If it was you, you will do so too.」

「Hmm..... That's right, but even so! I get this irritated feeling.....」

Hmmm, I can understand that feeling.

But Arisu is Justice.

Isn't this something that can't be helped?

The people from the city separated at the intersection of the bridges.

They are brought away by other soldiers.

After their check up, they revealed their tired look, so it is better to let them rest.

What is the check up about?

There are also infectious disease check up even in such a fantasy-like world?

The soldier who gave me the advice, and the aunties that he led, waved and gave us encouragement for the last time.

After walking for another 5mins, we reached a who knows how many thousands year old tree.

This is not the World Tree.....right?

In the surroundings, there are many similar trees.

In this forest, indeed all of them are giant trees.

What should be done to grow such trees?

It must be magic.

Then before the tree hole, the female with cat ears stopped talking and lowered her head.

The tail that came out from the skirt, froze due to nervousness.

The cat ears too, stood up at attention.

Which is to say, the person inside is.....

「Please come in.」

A clear voice like a chime came out from the tree hole.

I noticed that it was Rin-san's voice immediately.

I entered the tree hole while leading the rest.

Inside, it was spherical in shape with a high ceiling.

Hence in the wooden walls, there are magical orange lamps installed at a

height that is slightly above eye level, illuminating the interior.

In the centre of the room, a girl is sitting cross-legged on a mat of grass.

It's a dog-eared girl who is wearing a headband.

If you did not notice the ears, you will feel that she is like a Japanese on the first look.

From her height, she is probably around 12 to 13.

From her calm voice, she should be older.

Ah, that's why when it got to the topic about height, she got irritated.

Her hair and the fur covering her ears are black.

And her pupils that kept staring at me, is the same red as blood.

「Finally I have met you, Visitor-sama from another world.」

The girl said that.

「Then, let me reintroduce myself. My name is Lilanderkalarkmoore La Flamser Hafarder The IV. Currently I am acting as the miko of the current World Tree's protector.」(TL note: miko = shrine maiden)

This time, Mia walked in properly.

Maa, if she did anything excessive, then I will throw her out.....

Rin-san looked at me and muttered “I see”.

「Good eyes. Those are the eyes of one who can decide things resolutely.」

I shook my head.

If she is right, it means I can just ignore people who could be saved.

Which is a person who can protect his freedom and choose those who will live or die.

In actuality, that is how I survived for the past 3 days.

In the middle school, according to Shiki-san and my views, we chose to save the girls who got rescued and those who died.

I do not know if she is praising me as she just nodded ambiguously.

Rin-san who seemed to have guessed my complicated feelings and hurried for us to sit by her side.

The female with the cat ears, stayed outside awaiting orders.

Inside here, there are only the 4 of us and Rin-san.

The 4 seats before Rin-san, are floating in the air while arranged in a row.

This is magic?

Although I don't know how she did it.....

「Then where should I start from?」

We sat at the seats before Rin-san and faced her.

Looking from here, it feels that her breast is quite huge.

I looked at it as it swayed.

Arisu who was beside me, grabbed my leg tightly.

Waah, even though I tried to look reservedly, I was exposed?

「First of all, hmm..... then explain the current situation this world is in?」

Rin-san stared at me.

Her ruby-like eyes seems to suck one in.

The girl's mouth edge rose in sarcasm.

Then she left behind a bomb-like words.

「Honestly speaking. This world will meet its end tomorrow.」

# Chapter 93: The Miko, Rin

Huh, what is going on?

The world will end tomorrow?

What!

Mia looked over here as though she had something to say.

Oi, you better sit down!

「I don't understand.」

Tamaki who is our special attack captain, seemed to be confused.

This can't be helped.

Anyone will be confused if they are suddenly told that the world is ending.

「Do you have any proof?」

Mia asked.

Rin-san nodded with a "yes".

「It's the oracle」

Oracle.

The notice from the gods.....huh?

As expected of a world that has magic.

It wouldn't be strange if gods existed, hence it is nothing strange for them to be able to communicate with humans.

Just now from the people that I helped in the city, I had the 2 names, Goddess of Destiny Al-Sazaar and God of War Galgos.

To them, the world with humans and gods, are perhaps very close.

If that is so, then to the people in this world, the oracle is a source of accurate information.....

Then should we take it as the same too?

Huh..... wait a minute.

Although it is an oracle, but yet we are unable to determine its authenticity?

More importantly, she believes so.

Then the People of Light seemed to have moved based on this premise.

「I understand, please continue with your topic.」

First we should gather information, that is what I have decided and hence continued the conversation from just now.

Rin-san seemed to have noticed that we don't really believe in the "oracle".

Even so she nodded with a "it is fine for now" look, and continued talking.

「Of course, we don't have the intention of waiting to die. And hence that's why we are fighting now.」

「Is the fight with the monster part of that?」

「No, the fight with the monsters is the key to saving this world from destruction.」

Suddenly she talked about world destruction, and I still don't understand.

And fighting the monsters will save the world huh?

No, then again.....

「Do we have to explain the opponents which are the monsters to you?」

Ah, first of all we need to know this.

The 3 days that passed since we have been attacked by the orcs.

That is the greatest mystery left.

With orcs as the first, those monsters.

The things that we referred to as monsters.

Anyway, it has been mentioned like that in the Q&A so there shouldn't be a problem.

These monsters will become gems after being defeated.

The gems will then become the exchange tokens for the Mia Vendor.



I have this feeling that they aren't like real creatures.

But these things will attack humans blindly.

Not only massacring, the orcs will even rape the girls that they saw.

There are all sorts of strange things.

Until we have been thinking about that strange problem while being dragged into battles.

There was no one to answer our doubts and we can only keep defeating them.

「Please tell me.」

So I nodded to confirm her question, with my fists on my knees, supporting my forward-leaning body.

Arisu and Tamaki were affected by me and clenched their fists.

「Initially monsters are not the creatures of this world. For example. Hmm, Kazu, they are just like the familiars that you summoned.」

「Familiar type.....? But familiars are.....」

「Yes, even if your familiars are defeated, magic stones will not appear. Because the summon contract is different and the magic to summon the familiars are also different. Please think of it that way.」

Ah I see.

If you considered it that way, then it is easily understood.

Then again, she said something surprising and important.

「The magic stones are also..... the things we called gems, tokens etc.」

Mia suddenly entered the topic.

Rin looked at Mia and tilted her head.

「That..... This is Kazu's slave right?」

Ah shit.

Mia is wearing the collar. While the whip is held by the loyal Tamaki.

She also said out the word slave so naturally, so slavery naturally exist in this world too.

But when she was using the eagle's vision, she did not see Mia wearing a collar right.

No, it is because she know, that is why she felt strange about Mia's current situation.

Maa, I shall just clear it.

「This is just a PLAY.」

I suddenly said that.

Rin looked at my face and Mia's face alternatively with a hesitate look.

Mia nodded with a “nnn”

「That is a common thing from our world. Don't mind it.」

「Is that so. Sorry about that.」

She lowered her head and apologise.

Lowering her head is the apologistic action of this world.

Arisu, looked at me and Mia with a bewildered look, and pushed Rin-san to continue.

「According to legends, in a time long ago, Gods and man lived on this place together. The Evil God whose name is now forgotten, had used the another world's creature as a basis and created a magic to summon monsters. After long periods of time, the gods left this place and summon ritual for the monsters with magic stones is swallowed in darkness..... that was what is supposed to have happened.....」

According to what to said, when monsters began to appear in this world, it was barely 100 years ago.

The small kingdoms, which were already destroyed, as they are about to be destroyed by the invasion of a large kingdom, they decided to gamble on getting power.

Using secret rituals and high purity magic stones from who knows where, they

summoned the monster.

The summoned monster hence destroyed the invading big kingdom.

At the same time, those small kingdoms were also destroyed by that monster.

After a long time, the monster who was revived in this world, no matter whether they are friend or foe, began to spread death and slaughter.

That existence is what the other monsters called as Maou. (TL note: this is a bit confusing but basically it just means that more than 1 monster was summoned but there is one those stood out)

I see, the Maou huh?

So the Maou really exist.....

But because “Maou” was translated. So it had a weird feeling for us who of the computer gaming generation.

For example.....

Nobunaga, Alexandros, Genghis Han, *etc.* are being thought of as enemies .....

Ah, it feels that there is no way to win.

Well we shall not talk about that for now.

For the sake of defeating the Maou, various countries in this land sent their armies.

But what awaited them, were the countless of monsters that the Maou had summoned.

Orcs, Goblins, Giants, all the monsters that we met and battled until now.

At the same time, the land that the Maou rules over, the things of this world have all changed.

The few poor soldiers who were defeated, trampled upon, and survived, escaped back to their hometowns, left these words. It feels like they are in a rotting sea there.

The Maou is changing this world into a world that no one can live in, that was the conclusion that the Magic Users have made.

Before long, the monsters appeared all over the world.

In the forests, mountains, plains, the monsters appeared everywhere.

Even so, the humans trained their sword skills and magic for the sake of resisting against the monsters.

The 2 parties fought for the sake of their survival.

After a long period of time.

「Counting from now, it is probably around 5 years ago. The monsters began to move as though it is an organisation. At that period, there was at most a 100-sized group, then it became 1000, at times, 10000, until it became a group that can threatened the humans.」

The things worsened rapidly from 5 years ago.

Various human kingdoms were destroyed.

Although there is a part of the kingdoms calling for alliance, but the kingdoms' organisation were not faster than the attacks of the monsters.

The places where the humans can live become drastically lesser.

Then until now.

The gathering places of the humans are left with only 7 in this land, and they are all facing destruction.

Just a mention, the so-called humans are not only people like us but also humans who are working with demi-humans.

「Then 3 days ago. 3 oracles came.」

I see, so oracles appeared here?

「The first oracle told us that 4 days later, which is tomorrow, the world will be destroyed. The second is the method to avoid destruction and what to do after this. The third.....」

Rin-san looked at us in sequence.

One by one, and nodded slowly.

「The guests from another world and working with them, is one of the

methods to avoid destruction.」

「Hence you used that eagle to search for us?」

「Yes. Other than that familiar that found you, the rest of us all sent out familiars. It was lucky that one of them found some weird people fighting against the giant centaur. People from the human tribe that are wearing strange clothes. Those people, just a few of them, defeated that divine level individual. I believe that the guests from the other world mentioned in the oracle, would be you people.」

My vision landed on the gym clothes that I am wearing.

That get up is indeed strange.....

Because support magic was added, so it is not bad as a defence equipment.

「The one who summoned us to this world is the god. And he even left the job of saving the world to us, why?」

「Regarding that, I do not know. But, from the tone in the oracle, I don't believe it is like that.」

Oh is that so.

Although I don't know whether what Rin-san said is true.....

Anyway we still do not understand how the mountain that we were at, came to this world.

To me, I am still very grateful that the mountain is able to perfectly remain in this world.

If not for that, then I will probably disappear because of that at this timing? (TL note: he is referring the case if he did not transfer to this world and instead killed Shiba with the trap)

But to Arisu, Tamaki and Mia.....

Also there are the Shiki-san and the others who stayed at the Cultivating Centre.

But aside from that feeling, if the oracle is real, even if we are not willing to cooperate with them, it will be useless right?

We are currently in this world.

The destruction of this world is not unrelated to us.

But tomorrow huh?

The oracle is from 3 days ago, even if it is for Rin-san and them, they only had 4 days which is very tight.

3 days ago.

To us, that will be the day before we came to this world?

Is there a link with that matter to us coming to this world?

「I have some things that I want you to listen to me about, will you listen?」

「Mmm, please say it.」

「Do you know the method for us to return to our original world?」

「I don't know what kind of method is used for you people to come to this world, that is the truth.....」

Ah, if it is like that, it can't be helped.

I roughly explained what happened these 3 days.

The most crucial thing must be said but I also mentioned about the mysterious stone pillar that the orcs are protecting.

Indeed it is like that? Rin-san was attracted by the topic about the stone pillars.

The words written there, even for me who used 《Read Language》, I can only understand “fixed coordinates, space search, restrict scope” these few words.

But the problem is describing what kind of language that those words are in.

A pity is that, 《Read Language》 can only understand the meaning of the language.

Just what kind of language is it? Until now, I still do not know it.

And I also don't remember what kind of words are they like.....

「Tamaki, do you still remember them?」

「I completely don't remember!」

Tamaki raised her chest proudly.

Mmm, I guessed that too.

Naturally I don't remember too.

「Perhaps, I am thinking it is a special magic language..... The strange thing is that, once you came to this world, your area of stay were attacked by the orcs. It is just like.....」

「Nnn. The ones who called us to this world, maybe the existence on the side of the monsters, but.....」

But this is also not unreasonable.

The one who gave us power in the white room.

That existence..... then why did he summoned us to this world?

No, wait.

The owner of the white room and the existence that summoned us to this world, what if they are not the same person?

In the time when I was thinking, Arisu, Tamakia explained the matter of the white room to Rin-san.

Rin-san said that the white room and our skill system is unique.

A complete amateur had gotten the power to defeat the giant centaur within 2 days. When Rin-san heard that, she got a shock.

Although it is surprising to a certain extent, but indeed that is how things goes?

The ones who can use the skill systems, perhaps are us and the monsters?

If it's so..... the owner of the white room has some sort of connection with the monsters?

「Kazu, please be aware that there is no need to judge the matter too early. No, in fact it will be harmful.」

Perhaps it is just like what Rin-san had said.

And there are other things that I wish to hear.

「Do you know the mountain that we stayed?」

「Currently the other familiars are still investigating. From the scenery that everyone has said, we feel that it is at the southeastern region where the Roc Birds stayed at. You can concentrate on searching there.」

Roc bird?

I remember the scene that I saw in the evening of the first day.

The giant bird that flew while carrying an elephant.

Mmm..... Maa..... it must be some student who saw that bird from far away and decided it to be Roc Bird.

If they like fantasy, then they will probably know the term.

「If we have a familiar create a linking transfer gate, then we can send everyone back to the mountain.」

Even if we don't do anything, we can also return there?

No, if they can let us go back, then what is the thing used for exchange?

Although I don't know how far that southeastern region is.....

But if we walk, it will be far.

We are fighting for survival.

It will also be like that from now on.

If tomorrow is the final battle with the monsters.

And there isn't any way we can avoid that battle.

No matter how unwilling we are, we have to participate in the battle.

Hence Rin-san judged that even if they send us back to the mountain where our school is at temporarily, there will not be any problems.

We will definitely return back to where Rin-san is at.

I will be afraid, if I hesitate, then I will not be able to decide.

That is definitely not trust or anything.



After talking to me, they have confirmed the extent on how I will move.

It is because there is the relationship of mutual benefits, I am being trusted.

「Regarding that, is there anything you wanted to hear?」

「No. Then before that, there are the things that will happen tomorrow.....」

That moment.

The outside became noisy.

Turning our heads to the entrance, we saw the figures of the male demi-human running across the bridge.

「The monsters have begun invading again.」

Seems like we do not have the luxury of listening to everything.

## Chapter 94: Secret Weapon

Hearing the news of the enemy's invasion, Rin-san and my eyes met.

I nodded and stood up.

Arisu and the others also stood up after me.

「The reason why you brought us here, is because you wanted to use us as fighting power isn't it?」

「I wouldn't force you. But in the current situation, we wanted to ask everyone who has the power, after all there isn't time left.」

I looked at my 3 companions in sequence.

「No matter what I will follow Kazu-san.」Arisu smiled and said.

「Leave it to me! No matter what, I will defeat it.」Tamaki said proudly.

Then Mia used her usual tone and expression and said “Nnn. Just do what you should do, Kazu-chi”.

「Mia, you have changed.」

「Really?」

「How should I say it, once you calm down, you will notice it. When compared against yesterday.」

「If you want to know the reason, it should be because Kazu-chi is always beside me. So I am not anxious.」

Why will you be anxious, I tilted my head.

The corner of Mia's mouth rose, and she smiled.

「Wanting others to admit to one's matters, those kind of feelings.」

「If you are not around, I will be troubled.」

「Nnn. So I will not be lost anymore.」

「I understand, you are so reliable.」and placed my hand on Mia's head while looking at Rin-san.

I shall put the matter on which part of the oracle to believe aside for now.

But I believe that fighting together with Rin-san and People of Light, will be the shortest path back to the mountain.

If that is so, then it is natural to help one's companion who is fighting.

At least, we need to help them regain their freedom.

In the worst situation, it is fine to retreat after getting a certain amount of achievements.

「Please use us as needed.」

Rin-san clapped with a “PA”.

Before that, the room without any furniture or any movement, began to change.

Curtains covering the side of the room appeared.

No, that's not right.

That must be something that already existed.

They probably used some illusion magic or something.

I see, after recovering from my panic, I understood it.

Why Rin-san is alone, and appeared defenselessly before us..... I understood it completely.

Actually it was not how it seems, there are probably guards waiting behind those curtains.

That magic has now disappeared.

A part of the curtains behind Rin-san rose.

I saw a female hand that was thought to be a maid's.

A female appeared from behind the curtains.

She is wearing leather armour and had a small dagger by her waist.

For her age, she is probably close to mine.

She is a girl with snow white skin like a doll, silver colour hair and ruby red

eyes.

Along with a slender bodyline, she did not have any 3rd or 4th ears like the demi-humans.

For an instant, I thought of a human.

But immediately, I realised I was wrong.

A pair of elegant and slender ears peeked out from the silver hair.

「An elf..... huh?」

The moment I said that word.

Her pair of blood red eyes, with her strong intention, pierced at me.

「Lucia, please call me that, Kazu-sama.」

「Ah.....」

I took in a breath.

It feels like I am being suffocated.

I shook my head in a panic.

And once again, looked at her in her eyes..

This time, I wasn't swallowed like just now.

Then she nodded to me slightly.

「Ah..... “sama” is not need, Lucia.....san.」

Lucia, for an instant, met eyes with Rin-san who is sitting crossed-legged on the seat.

Rin-san grinned.

「Lucia, hopes that she will be able to serve you as a soldier for now. You can use her freely, even if you break her, it is fine.」

Wait, some incredible terms came out.

First of all, what is the meaning of “for now”?

It is fine even if I break her, what is with that.

「A month ago, she is still a certain kingdom's king's daughter, the 17th successor to the throne.」

An elf princess huh?

We looked at each other, not knowing what to do.

Rin-san shook her head slowly.

「That kingdom is already gone. The forest that that kingdom is in were destroyed by the monsters. The King and his people and also the trees. She is under our protection, and with the meaning of the “the one who end it” in her kingdom's language, she is renamed as Lucia as she hope to finish her clan's last wish. Her life will be better if it was used to defeat the monsters.」

I see, now I understand.

She is just like Nagatsuki Sakura.

With her identity and position, from a certain meaning, perhaps she is considered as irresponsible.....

Well how she wanted to use her life is irrelevant to me.

Afterall, what I can protect, are at most limited to my companions, who are the people in this party and the people at the Cultivating Centre.

Although we just helped those people from the city, but in the end, we aren't able to keep protecting all the way.

If she want to move towards the monsters, there is no way to stop and we can't stop her.

But under the situation when we are moving together, having that kind of suicidal behaviour is quite troubling.

Even if you say that she is a pawn that can be disposed.....

「Sorry, I am a user of Summon Magic. For disposable pawns, the familiars are enough. I don't need suicidal volunteers.」

「Well there isn't unlimited uses to Summon Magic right?」

「If you saw the battle between the giant centaur and us, you should understand. Our battles does not need others who do not have any battle

experience. They will only become a hindrance.」

Maa..... Although we are unfamiliar with it just a while ago.

Mia looked over with a “chee” expression.

I ignored it.

To the current us, outsiders like her will only cause hindrances is the truth.

But perhaps.....

The troublesome thing is that, it may not only be her.

Seeing the reaction that they had towards the giant centaur, no matter kind of power that the World Tree has gathered, they are unable to enter our fight.

We are probably very strong.

And not just exceptionally strong, but overwhelming so. Even if you add all of them together, we are probably still stronger.

Indeed, Rin-san gaze at me.....

And grinned.

Ah, this is.....

I have been had..... huh.

Now Rin-san's expression is like Shiki-san's.

「Please forgive the thing about probing you. Just like how you say, I wish to leave her to you.」

「What is going on?」

She had done a personality test as she had wanted to know if we are suitable for her to entrust Lucia to us.

I understand that sort of thing.

Hmm, this is fine.

But then what.

Will she be of use to us?

「Even if I use a 100 sentence, I can't explain it, so it is better to let you see the

proof. Lucia.」

「Nnn, Rin.」

Lucia and Rin nodded to each other.

Then she came before me.....

And reached out with her right hand.

Under her guide, I reached out with my right hand too.

And our hands touched.

The red membrane-like ring on my right hand, also appear on the little finger on her right hand.

The sign of being in the same party.

Huh? What is going on?

According to what Mia said, aren't we unable to form parties with the people in this world.....

「My kingdom, for the sake of gaining the power to fight with the monsters, we have done crossbreeding repeatedly. Among one of the race, they succeeded..... and that is me, Lucia.」

「Crossbreeding.....」

「The unique experiment of the union between man and monster. The completion of the weapon now, was done after a great deal of sacrifices.」

Lucia closed her eyes.

「I will depend on you for the level up from now.」 and muttered in a small voice.

We were speechless.....

Our vision shook.

When we noticed it.

We are already sent to the white room.

In the white room, other than the 4 of us, there is also Lucia who had an “as expected” look.

Lucia surveyed the surroundings and muttered “so it’s this”.

「This is the Hall of Probability as mentioned in the oracle.」

Hall of Probability.

This is my first time hearing this term.

But..... indeed it can be said like that but you cannot also consider it like that.

Obtaining skill is equivalent to obtaining probability?

What Mia had heard from the soldiers, is that the party system and the skill system does not seem to be suitable for the people of this world.

Those abilities are specially for us who came from another world.

Although that is what I thought.....

In the white room as per usual, there was a table and chair more, and there is even a computer on it.

It should be Lucia’s computer.

「Lucia-san, can I see your computer?」

「Computer refers to that machine placed there right? Go ahead.」

Ah, indeed they don’t know what is a computer?

What is going on.

This is a room formed in my view as the leader..... is it something like that?

The screen on the computer showed Lucia’s information in Japanese as I had expected.

The name on it is also “Lucia”

This is not her real name, like Rin-san said.....

If this space is formed in my point of view, then alot of things cannot be explained.

For example, this is a standard that I can’t understand.



「Mmm. Level 1.」

Mia who was beside me, peeked at the computer screen and spoke.

「So this means that Lucia-san formed a party as a Level 0?」

「Ah, it seems so. Then why did you know the existence of the party?」

We looked at Lucia.

「The oracle said it.」Lucia said that blankly.

Ah, oracle huh.

That is really convenient.

As long as it is god, anything is fine.

But in reality, this room and its functions exists.

White room.

Skills.

Even if you assume it to be something of god's, it is hard to imagine the standard of the skills.

Or is it to say that, as long as there are magic, there will be some way?

Oh well anything is fine, that is the kind of feeling I am having now.

「That oracle, did it say something about us?」

「The leader of the forest, Albana said. The next time we come here, those from the other world will give us power. We are born for this, and hence cultivated as a person. My kingdom will probably use my power and conquer the land.」

Conquer the land huh?

So the kingdom of Elves are conquerors?

No, we can't use our common sense in our world.

But Lucia shook her head.

「But before we moved, my kingdom fell into the monster army's trap. Perhaps, they were targeting my power.」

Ah..... I see.

That is obvious, because this power is too dangerous.

Originally, this is a power that only we should have.

But she, although she is an existence born in this world, but yet she has the same skill system that we have.

It seems like other than Level 1, there isn't any special changes.....

「Ah, wait, Kazu-chi. Below the skills, there is a stacked window」

Mia said so, and moved the cursor on Lucia's computer towards the stacked window.

What appeared from behind the main window, is a window named as Special Ability.

Two terms appeared from the Special Ability window.

Magic Release

Suppression of Level up

These 2 abilities, are owned by this girl?

Then again, both looks very powerful.....

「Lucia-san, do you know about this Magic Release special ability?」

「Yes. The special crest on my body will release magic power with adjustment..... that is a secret art created by my kingdom. Regarding the creation method, it was lost with my kingdom's destruction.」

「So you are the only one who can use that ability.」

And I asked the Q&A immediately.

First, it is about the problem of the special ability.

This was the answer.

Although it is quite freely mentioned, but the meaning is probably not wrong.

-The special ability window will show when a special ability is obtained in any method. One of the methods to attain one, includes the Mia Vendor.

Mia quickly ran to the Mia Vendor.

「Increased.」

She said that in a low voice, with her eyes wide opened while looking at the words on the screen.

But before long.....

「So expensive.」

And suddenly came back powerlessly with her shoulders stumped.

「Indeed, so we can't do it now?」

「We need to take out 3000 points from our reserves.」

Maa so it is like that.

Could it be that for special abilities, they are quite useful so their price is naturally high?

We faced each other and laughed bitterly.

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Okay—— I changed my thinking and began to enter the next question, about my doubts on the 3 special ability. (TL note: probably the one in the Mia Vendor is a different one)

The answer came out immediately.

After asking a few questions, we understood the following information:

- The special ability 「Magic Release」 is an ability that increases or decreases the strength of a magic through the regulation of MP.

For example, she learns Wind Magic, if she uses 1 MP, when she uses Rank 3《Lightning》, then she will release a weak 《Lightning》. But if she uses 30MP, then she will release a far stronger 《Lightning》 than its former. The largest amount of MP that can be used is 10 times the usual amount.

- The special ability「Suppression of Level Up」 is an ability that can delay your level up to whenever you want.

In short, when she decides to suppress the level up, even if she kills the monsters, she will not need to deal with the level up. She had already used this ability, and earned about 60 orcs worth of experience. I wonder if she will rise to level 10 in one go?

But although this ability can be used to suppress the level up, but the release to level up can only be used once every 24h.

So to say, she had just used it, so she cannot use it again for today and then she can only level up to level 10 at once.

The refresh time of the ability is exactly 24h later, so she can only use this ability after noon tomorrow.

「So, should we let her join our party?」

「Mmm. The special ability is too useful, we should let her learn Fire Magic seriously.」

Mia suggested that immediately. She is really excited, completely unlike her

usual self. With this, we can clearly understand why she cried out so exaggeratedly.

Maa, after all she is a gamer. When she see such powerful abilities, she will naturally feel that she wants it.

I looked at Lucia

「I will follow any arrangement that Kazu-sama decides.」

「Mmmm? Did you just say any arrangement..」

Mia, didn't you just play this tactic just now?

Seeing Mia return back to her usual uncommon attitude, I knocked her head lightly, and looked at Arisu and Tamaki, wanting to listen to their opinions.....

「Th..that, to me, if Kazu-san feels that there is a need, even if the number of lovers increases, I wouldn't mind it!」

「Me too, if Kazu-san has that intention, then you can just take her.」

Oi, you people, what do you think I am.

Even though I am hurt by rumours, but yet I can't refute it, this is way too sad.

「I heard that Kazu-sama is an outstanding Magic User, so there is a need to leave as many heirs as possible. I have once gotten the approval from a Medical User, saying that I am above average in the ability to be a mother, so that is very fortunate.」

What part of that is fortunate? Then again what is a Medical User? From her tone, they seem to use Magic to do treatment? Well seems like that is how things work in this world.

「Anyway, putting the matter of giving birth aside..... I hope that you will not add sama when you call me, and it is fine to not use honorifics too.」

I looked at Arisu, Tamaki and Mia in sequence.

「Something like san is fine. Other than that, there is no need to respect in respect form, just like Arisu and the others.」

「Understood..... I understand, Kazu-san. Then please call me Lucia directly too.」

Didn't you add san when you called me? Even though I am thinking like that, but Arisu and Tamaki seemed to be the same, and Mia too, called me "Kazu-chi". While I called their name directly.

I get this feeling that it was because we have been in the situation of the senpai and kouhai so our manner of calling became like this. Actually even if they don't use honorifics with me, I am fine..... But forget it.

「I understand, Lucia. And.....」

「Are there other orders?」

「If possible, I wish that you can smile.」

Lucia gave a grin.

Her smile has the charm like that of a blooming flower, but it is a pity that the looks in her eyes are hollow, as though she is looking at something that is very faraway from me.

「Let's forget it, I don't need such cosmetic smiles.」

「Sorry for that.」

Lucia nodded, but from her tone, there isn't any sign of sorry in it.

Was it deliberate? Or is she playing around with me?

「Did you have experience of killing the monsters?」

「Yes, the others will make the monster powerless before bringing it over and using this method, I killed them a few times.」

「Mmm, although this training method is worthy of praise, but there is nothing special.」

You are too noisy, Mia.

「Then why didn't you level up?」

「Because I can't do it. According to the contents of the oracle, we must be in a party with people from the other world before we can enter the Hall of Possibility for the first time.」

I see. Seems like the Elf kingdom wanted to use the oracle to expand their

army..... but yet they were slyly used by that god. But wait. Since it was like that, did that Elf God want us to meet with Lucia? Did he deliberately interfere so to let Lucia become part of our combat force?

This is too suspicious, there are many strange parts.

At least what we can confirm is that, the God in their words..... had created his strategy with the premise that we will come to this world. And are there other existences like Lucia?

The pieces that God had prepared—— and the coincidence of our existence.

What is his aim? And what does he want us to do?

This is irritating, this will make me want to suspect everything and become in a state of suspecting.

No..... I shook my head. Let's be realistic and settle the things before me. I shall not care about the intents of the God, her ability..... and her usability is too much until I can't ignore her.

The battle with Mekishu Grand, we barely obtained victory there.

But he may not be the enemy's greatest fighting power.

Not only that, from what we heard, even Mekishu Grand is a mere soldier on the side of the monsters.

If a few of that sort of monster appeared at the same time..... even if all of us had raised our skills to Rank 9, we may not be able to win.

Honestly speaking, I felt helpless. Under this sort of situation, her existence may be crucial.

「Kazu-chi, gather your courage and say “I want you”.」

「You.....」

「Then go rub that breast.」

Mia said something excessive again.

I shrugged my shoulders.

「Of course I want Lucia, but it is her as a soldier, I wouldn't expect her to offer

her body.」

「I don't mind it.」

「Then if I call you to go and die..... Ah, sorry, forget what I just said.」

From her words just now, her answer is obvious.

She thirst for battle. Once she party with us, after getting power, she will battle until she dies.

Since it is like that, Lucia should join our party. She is very useful, and as long as we are around, we can protect her.

I reached out towards Lucia with my right hand.

Lucia was surprised.

「This is.....」

「A handshake. In our world, this means a friendly relationship.」

Lucia nodded while saying “I see” and reached out with her right hand hesitantly.

We grabbed each other hands. The right hand of the girl who has porcelain-white skin, is surprisingly soft and warm.

「Please lend your strength to us.」

「Yes, although my power is not much, but please let me help.」

Lucia smiled, and this time her smile is much more natural than just now.



Then again—— I looked at Lucia's get up, and pointed to the sword on her waist.

「Does Lucia use the sword?」

「This is not a sword. So that it can be used in ritual, so it is made into that kind of art.」

Lucia placed her hand on the handle of the sword-like thing, and pulled it out.

Looking at it, it is a black rod that is about the thickness of a finger. A



common-looking black rod with nothing special.

Lucia moved her wrist. In the next second, the rod softened and bend down, and its length increased a few times longer than its original length.

Mia gave out a shock “oh oh” sound.

「A multi-section whip? No the feeling is still abit different.」

「This is called a Bone Whip, it is a magical tool that my kingdom has. As long as you give it Mana, then it will extend like whip. Other than that, as long as you change the way you give mana to it.....」

She swung the whip.

It seems impressive.

The whip suddenly hardened. Lucia stopped the long rod and we can see the full length of the rod is over 3m.

「Mmm, this is the so called Snake Sword.....」

「Is that how you call it in your world?」

No. Actually we do have some fantasy weapon that is similar to it.

Then again, so this is it, to be able to become rod like or whip like..... it is pretty powerful.

And I had taken a look, and discovered that her skill with it is not bad. Perhaps we can let her raise Pole Skill, and become a vanguard.

Although that is what I thought..... but considering the possibility of 「Magic Release」, the choice of Fire Magic is also very attractive. Then perhaps she may become our party's greatest fire power.

I sunk into thoughts and some groan came out of my mouth.

Mia pulled on my sleeve.

「Kazu-chi, can I suggest something?」

「Ah—— right. Mia, let me hear your opinion as a gamer.」

「Range firepower is justice. As long as we defeat the enemy before we get into their range, no matter what kind of strong enemy they are, they are all

small fries.」

I see, you are very right.

Mekishu Grand is an opponent who is good at long range, and it is hard to face such an opponent, but if it is just on the level of the General Orc, “defeating the enemy before they get near” is a very correct attacking tactic.

It is the same for the Giant. As long as we preempt them with strong firepower, we can get a very good advantage.

Our main fighting power is Arisu and Mia, and until now we always need to get close to the enemy first.

Mia’s attacking magic is not that powerful, after all we chose it for its support so that is to be expected. But the firepower is not high so it is quite restricting in our tactics.

So to say, because until now, our battlefield has been at the forest around the school so our party formation is also suited to be there, too well suited.

「In the current stage, separating skill is also another problem. We should just focus all the skill points on Fire Magic.」

「What is needed is instant firepower and the ability to suppress everything..... huh? Mia, just like what you said, this arrangement is perfect.」

From the viewpoint of Rin-san, she probably wanted to send someone to supervise us.

To us, being just a supervisor is not good, but if she has some combat power then it’s different.

「To everyone, it’s a winwin」

「Win? Mia, what is the meaning of that?」(TL note: Win was written in english)

Tamaki intercepted and asked. The edge of Mia’s mouth curved.

「It is the meaning of victory. We have more companions, so we win; Lucia-chi can become stronger so she win; Rin-chi can put a rope on our necks and defeat the monsters so she wins too.」

「Is it? It is good that we can win!」

Oi, the meaning is right, but the way of saying doesn't seem right.

I looked at Arisu. She revealed a look that is very distant and said helplessly: "because Tamaki's english is not good". I caressed Tamaki's head and smiled "you are so cute".

「Huh? What? What is going on? Kazu-san, why are you so gentle towards me?」

「Huh, I just felt that you were cute.」

Lucia stared blankly at us who are fooling around, and her vision was floating around in the air loneliness.

「Then again, Lucia, do you know about the details of the oracle on the "World is ending tomorrow"?」

Lucia shook her head.

「I am also at the same place, listening to Rin explaining everything. Currently what I know is that, that has something to do with the world ending, and the time limit is until the sunset tomorrow.」

「Is that so..... may I ask, how many times are the oracle correct?」

「Are you people suspecting the oracle?」

Lucia was surprised again.

Ah ah, that is a matter that will shock others. Mmm— will it? What kind of shock is it. Oh well, forget it, we shall leave it to the next white room to discuss it.

The battle before us is the priority.

「Then Lucia, please raise your Skill Rank.」

「Argh.....」

Lucia sat on the chair, not knowing what to do in front of the computer.

「Ah, so the people of this world don't know about computers. Mia please explain it to her.」

「Why me?」

「Ah, among the people here, the one who has the highest possibility of explaining a computer is you.」

「At least, it is better than being alone with Kazu-chi.」

Wah wah, I am going to cry!

Mia shrugged her shoulders and after mumbling “it can’t be helped” and turned towards Lucia.

「I will hold your hand and teach you personally.」

「Restrict your body contact.」

Mia was more professional as a teacher than I had expected, and Lucia learnt how to use the computer quickly, obtaining the skill of Fire Magic.

Then we returned to the original place. Lucia has yet to increase her level before. This time, she rose to level 10 in a go. I had her placed all the skill points are added into Fire Magic, concentrating it on one for now

Lucia: Level 10 Fire Magic 5 Skill Point 5

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We returned to the original place, which is the meeting room inside the tree hole

Rin-san and Lucia crossed sight and nodded at each other.

「That's great, Lucia.」

「This is all due to you, Rin.」

Both of them revealed a grin. From the looks of it, they seems to be getting along quite well.

Mmm, Rin-san who is the representative of the People of Light, had placed her good friend into our party.

No, Rin-san is a politician. Perhaps regardless of whether she is good or bad, she is just using Lucia as a pawn. Even so, from that smiling face, I can feel that she really treasure Lucia as a friend.

By deliberately showing me their friendship, is she perhaps, trying to exert pressure on me, like「I am that trusting of you」? Or perhaps it is to step over her role as a politician, to 「request」us to take good care of Lucia?

No matter what, it doesn't matter. To us, Lucia is definitely a 「valuable」 talent.

Which is to say, if we are to take in this person, we wouldn't return her in the future.

「I wish to ask the few of you to head to the 23rd southwest district. The enemy's first army seems to be invading from that direction.」

「How many are there? And what species are they?」

「There should be above 100 but below 500. Regarding the species, that information has yet to reach me, so please ask the commander at the frontline.」

I see, so below 500 huh.

If those 500 are all orcs, then it is about the same amount as the group that attacked our mountain.

If those 500 are Hobgoblins..... and there are commander class monsters mixed inside, then just us alone, we will not be able to handle them.

「Basically, the stationed troops are responsible for the enemies. If there are exceptionally strong enemies that appear, I will trouble you to handle it.」

「I understand.」

Mmm, this arrangement is probably the best. If she want to gain experience, it is faster to defeat the small fries.

「Lucia, please bring them to the transfer gate.」

「Understood, Rin. Then, I will be going for a while.」

Lucia smiled, and this time her smile is very natural, even her eyes are relaxed, completely different from that icy smile just now. Ah ah, so she can smile like this too.



First we must go through the transfer gate to the World Tree, then from there, transfer to other places.

Lucia brought us to the transfer gate. We followed her instructions and walked into the magic formation.

The soldiers dressed in long robe who are awaiting by the side, began to sing.

That is a song which reminds one of the Kimi Ga Yo. Before I could even feel any suspicion, the unpleasant feeling during transferring that causes one to conscious to be cut, began to assault me. (TL note: Kimi Ga Yo is the national anthem of Japan)

The surrounding scenery began to change.

We came to a lobby that was about the size of a gymnasium

There are many soldiers around and after they are transferred, they walked out promptly.

Sounds of people arguing outside were heard.

Wrong, argh, this is.....

We are lured out of the lobby.

Just as I expected, this gigantic lobby is also made using the treehole of a giant tree.

「No matter where, the cities of the People of the Light are all on the trees huh.....」

Once we went out, I was stumbled by the strong wind that blew.

I began to hear things. Wrong, this is..... a song like a chime that was brought by the wind.

「Someone..... Is singing?」

「Yes, that is to maintain the barrier.」

Lucia walked behind us.

「That is the special barrier magic that isolates the World Tree from the surroundings, to prepare others from using methods other than the transfer gate to enter.」

「Using songs?」

「That's right」

Huh? If I am to say, this sounds is more like the music from flutes and yet it is like a song that echoes beside the ears.....

「Just who will..... give out this sort of song that doesn't sound like a human.....」

「It's the World Tree, the World Tree is singing.」

I stared at Lucia without blinking. She is the same as just now, with a calm face.

Huh—— is that real?

「This is a world where magic exist, so it isn't strange even if a tree can sing.」

Mia said.

Wow—— your adapting ability is strong.

「But Lucia-san, where is the World Tree?」

「There.」

Lucia pointed in front of us.

There is only a piece of green wall there.

No, I was wrong.

I began to notice my mistake immediately. That is a tree—— I corrected my understanding.

Looking at it, the wall that extend infinitely in all direction, is an illusion because I was too close.

As the tree is unprecedentedly huge, hence, it is just like a cliff that even pierced through the clouds when looking up. It is out of norm big, causing it to seem like it is extending towards the horizon.

The look of this tree should be circular right. If we look at it from afar, then we will probably see a very, very big tree.

「This is..... the World Tree.」

I gave out an exclamation sound.

And breathed out.

I was awestruck by the aura of the tree, with shivers down my spine, great fear began to rise in my heart.

Seeing such a thing, what exactly should I say?

What kind of feelings should I have when standing before such a being?

Other than that, what kind of attitude should I have when facing things that exists in this world.....

「Woah——so big——!」

Tamaki said out a very simple feeling, just like how her character is like.

Ah ya ha ya, really, I have completely lost to her. My shoulders relaxed unknowingly.

That's right, I just need to be dumbfounded and say "so big". Grasping



whatever look the thing has and ending my awestruck is fine.

「Lucia-san, let's go, to the battlefield.」

「I understand, please head this way.」

Under Lucia's lead, we walked on the bridge that leads to the trees.

If we want to explore the World Tree, we can come back later. Investigating the meaning of the World Tree can wait until there is time. What should be done now is to fight, we need to defeat the monster threat and protect the cooperative relation that we have together with the People of Light

We entered another tree hole of another giant tree.

And left from that transfer gate.



The second transfer brought us to a place that is very chaotic.

The muscular People of Light warriors glared at us who came out of the tree hole.

Being surrounded by the vision of over 100 men, caused me to shrink back in fear.

A burly man who is hairy and had a pair of dog ears seemed to have noticed my shrinking, and revealed a contempt expression as though saying “look at this guy”, while moving his upper body and walking nimbly on the bridge towards us.

「What, these fellows are the reinforcement that Rin-san said?」

The dog ear beastman stared at me and gave a cold laugh before glaring over.

「What can a brat like you do?」

In my eyes that those of contempt attitude actually overlapped with Shiba for who knows what reason.

Those pitiful days began to resurface in my mind again.

It's rewinding.

Shit——I turned my face away while trembling. I cannot let my panic illness

occur here. But my attitude seemed to have provoked the other party's sadism.

「This guy is afraid of me.」

That aura is approaching me by a step.

Shit, the trembling of my body has to stop. That dog-eared man reached out toward me.....

Someone suddenly grabbed my hands.

The right hand is Arisu, left hand is Mia.

My body stopped trembling.

「I advise you to stop.」

I raised my head and discovered that Tamaki had already drew her white sword, with the tip of the blade pointing at the dog ear man. When did she move?

All these happened in an instant. Tamaki's action had changed the atmosphere at the scene.

The hot blooded men seemed to have felt that they have been insulted by the outsiders and also walked over from the other bridges.

We are currently situated at the square in front of the treehole, without any place to escape to. On the other hand, the People of Light are continuously closing in on us from 3 different bridges.

But even if all of them attack, we can probably take them on successfully.....

But that is 2 different things.

「Kazu-chi, you are no longer afraid?」

「Actually I still am.」

I squeezed out a frozen smile.

「Then let's escape.」

「But——」

「Hmmm, since they don't need us, then we can move by ourselves.」

「Ah..... mmm.」

Mia is right, Compared to spending time to convince them, it is easier to show it to them.

And this was all my fault, who told me to shrink in fear.

Of course that will cause me to be humiliated and I have no right to lead.

「Those people don't know the matter with Kazu-chi, so just let them rattle. Lucia-chi, do you know the direction that the enemy is attacking from?」

「Yes, they should be attacking from the village in the front..... Are all of you going like this?」

Lucia who witnessed everything, asked doubtfully.

I have firmed my will and nodded to her. My performance may have already disappointed her, but even so, I am still the leader of this party.

「No matter in what way, we need to decrease the number of enemies. We can probably act alone, and there is no harm. We can definitely do that.」

Lucia seems to want to say something, but in the end she only nodded, and spoke「you are right.」

I casted 《Deflection Spell》 on Mia and had her scatter the effect of 《Fly》 to everyone.

We flew into the sky, abandoning the dumbfounded People of Light, flying towards the direction where the enemies are at.



Roughly after 30 minutes have passed.

We dived into the dense grass on the ground, and observed the village that was surrounded by fire from below. That is probably the place where the People of Light stayed.

Are there soldiers defending?

If there are, will they be like in the battle that happened in the city, being completely useless?

Otherwise according to Lucia, the strength of a normal soldier of the People of Light is about Sword Skill Rank 2. Just now that guy who came looking for trouble, is probably around that standard.

But they are not only good with bows, they also know swords, spears, hammers and even familiar with shields.

Well, just thinking about it, it should be so. To people who don't have the skill system, learning all sorts of skills and becoming familiar then they can be an outstanding soldier. Because they don't have skill points unlike us.

We continued to observe the village on the tree. Wrong, it should be more correct to call it「once a village」

The village is already destroyed. The back up troops are all wiped out, and it is unknown if the villagers are killed or have escaped. Many of the wooden bridges are burnt until they fell down and a few tree holes are even spewing out strong flames.

There are some people patrolling around the leftover bridges and in the surroundings of the forests.

Those skin on the upper body of those people are very pale.

Their lower is a 6 legged spider.

Is that also..... a monster?

「Arachne」

Before Lucia opened her mouth, Mia mumbled. Ah, you are trying to manipulate the language system.

But forget it, compared to Mekishu Grand such a unique name that is unfamiliar, an easily understood name is better for us. Then indeed Lucia——

「Yes, that sort of monster is called Arachne」

——while saying that.

Mia revealed a smug smile.

Why you...

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「Arachne will shoot spiderwebs from its mouth to bind its opponent. Other than that, it has high mobility, and able to jump from tree to tree.」

Lucia explained it while observing the monster which has a upper human body and a lower spider body. But from her tone, I could guess that this is her first time witnessing this sort of monster, and her explanation is only the information from her mind.

From the content, it seemed to be a monster that has evolved until it is suited for the forest.

「The spiderwebs are weak to fire. Other than that, with regards to bows and spears, this monster seems to be better than the People of Light soldiers.」

In other words, their weapon skill is probably Rank 3?

「Then again, during the journey when we flew here, we did not see anyone escaping.」

「The transfer gate we used is a military transfer gate, which is a secret. The transfer gate that the usual People of Light uses, is situated somewhere else so they should be escaping towards there.」

「So that means, the monsters also followed?」

「Perhaps so, those that are staying here, are the troops that are not participating in the pursuing.」

The leftovers huh.

Even so, there are at least 30 Arachne in the entire village.

If the opponent has only up to Rank 3 skill, even if there are 30, we should be able to defeat them.....

「Anyway, can we rush in?」

Tamaki seemed to be irritated with waiting and hence asked.

Indeed, we cannot keep hiding. Should we just attack directly?

I took the chance to add Support Magic on everyone. First is the default 《Keen Weapon》,《Physical Up》,《Mighty Arm》and《Clear Mind》. Then I gave Mia and Lucia 《Smart Operation》, next is 《Deflection Spell》 and 《Resist Element: Fire》.

Then I use 《Deflection Spell》 on Mia and had her cast 《Fly》, giving everyone the ability to fly.

As her body floated up lightly, Lucia shouted with panic. The silver haired girl grabbed my waist in reflex, and her exceptionally voluptuous breast pressed on my arm just like that.

Arisu glared at me unhappily. Wait, just now was still within a tolerable standard, so I had narrowly avoided a crisis.

You were saying you are willing to accept a harem, but actually you are easily jealous.

Of course, Arisu's jealousy is a compliment to me.

「Kazu-san, you are smiling very dirtily.」

Arisu puffed up her cheeks

Yes, sorry, I got carried away.

「Tamaki, you will go and attract the enemy's attention, remember to be careful of the spider web; Arisu and Mia will support from the back; Lucia will wait with me here.」

Then again—— I better ask Lucia:

「In the view of the People of Light, while defeating the enemies if we destroyed the village completely..... Will we incur their hatred?」

「If we have to destroy it no matter what, I will explain for Kazu-san. But if you destroy the forest under an unnecessary situation, they will not feel happy about it.」

That's true.

Then again, compared to the village being destroyed, they hated the forest

being destroyed even more.

「And there could be survivors inside.」

「But this place is already occupied by the enemy?」

After saying, I remembered the looks of the girls who were caught by the orcs and turned into playthings in the Middle School dormitory. Will these monsters called Arachne do that too?

「Perhaps they will be used as sacrifice for the monster called Globster.」

Ah, I see, that fellow——

I should ask more about the responsibility of the Globster, but there is no time now.

「I understand. Anyway I will try to destroy the enemy in a gentle way. Tamaki.....《Haste》」

「Mmm, leave it to me! I am off!」

With the red glow from 《Haste》, Tamaki jumped out from the bushes. She kick off the ground and spin in the air, towards the 3 Arachne on the trees.

The Arachne noticed Tamaki immediately.

「《Lightning Arrow》」

Mia released 7 lightning arrows, as there are only 3 targets, so each of them is targeted by 2 to 3 lightning arrows.

But the lightning arrows seemed to have cast enormous pain to the Arachnes.

The spider like monsters gave out a cry and their attention on Tamaki was drawn away for an instant.

Tamaki took that moment and got closer to the enemy. The Arachnes hurriedly and grabbed their spears.....

「Too slow!」

Tamaki swung her white sword.

The distance between her and the Arachne is about 3m, and I was about to say that she was too hasty——

In the next second, her sword seemed to have extended.

From the position where she was still far away from the enemy, the slash that Tamaki used, left a white light in the air, and split the Arachne body into halves.

Huh—— that was.....

「Mmm, leveled up.」

Mia mumbled in a low voice.



「Did you see that? Kazu-san! My sure-kill technique!」

「Ah, mmm, I..... saw it.」

Once we reached the white room, Tamaki jumped over happily.

Anyway, I caressed her head first. But that is.....

「Because it was ineffective against Mekishu Grand, so I did not use it until now.」

Arisu revealed a bitter smile.

「When her skill reached Rank 8, Tamaki's power is able to stretch very far when she slashes.....」

「Oh oh, a mysterious light.」

Mia stared blankly with her mouth opened.

Ah, the feeling is indeed mysterious, so even I am shocked.

「Then how did you do it?」

「I feel that I can hit the enemy that has a bit of distance from me, so I shaaaa—— slashed out, then tsuuu—— then again doooo—— like that!」

「Speak in Japanese.」

Ah, I probably know the difference.

「Hmm, it seems like a move called Toate in martial arts but the power from Tamaki is stronger.」

Mia said.



Is it something like Hado Ken or Sonic Boom? This is already something that can't be explained with logic right? (TL note: Hado Ken = go play Street Fighter and you will understand )

Skill Rank 8 is really scary.....

「But it is useless to enemies who are too far away and even if I used it, the power is not too strong, so I did not use it against Mekishu Grand」

「So, how far can it stretch?」

「If I slash like just now, then probably 2 or 3 steps is the limit. If I just want to blow them away, then it is fine even if they are 10 steps away.」

Oh oh, if it is used right, it feels that it will be convenient. But once it is about whether Tamaki has the ability to use it as the situation needs, made me feel.....

Is it something that everyone can use once their skill reaches Rank 8?

Or is this the power of the white sword and Rank 8?

Let's do an experiment. I summoned out a sword and passed it to Tamaki.

「I want you to use this and use that Toate towards me.」

After I finished, I stood in a position about 10 steps away from Tamaki.

Tamaki said「leave it to me!」, and swung the sword in her hand.....

The wind pressure is indeed shocking, no wonder it is Rank 8.

But it is just that.

「Argh, huh?」

「Tamaki use the white sword to try next.」

「Right, I know!」

Tamaki changed to the white sword and slashed. Even though we are apart by 10 steps, those light still stretched.

When I noticed it, my body is already blown away.

I slammed heavily on the wall of the white room, my back was hit hard, causing me to give a sound like a frog being stepped.

「Kazu-san, are you okay!」

「Wah, wah ahh, Kazu-san!」

Arisu and Tamaki ran towards me.

Tamaki is still teary. Argh, it was me who said I want to try it, so don't mind it.

I looked at my stomach, and an extra black mark on my clothes. Is this the power of..... Toate?

Or rather the extra ability of the white sword?

I remember that the General Orc did not use such a power.....

Wrong. I remembered.

「It was using the power of the white sword to increase his flicking power!」

I am unable to forget it, the power of that attack is strong enough until it is able to tear Mia's arm apart. That is just flickering out a stone and yet it has unexpected destructive power, perhaps that is the power of this white sword.

When we got the white sword from that fellow, it was already after we sealed that flicking, so I did not notice it.

Ah, anyway even if we don't know the truth, or the answer, it does not have much meaning.

「Hmm—— Kazu-san, do you want me to try and flick a rock to see?」

「Please don't, there is no need for Tamaki to do such complicated stuff, you just have to cut down the enemy before you.」

「I understand! Hmmm, why is Arisu and Mia looking at me with such warm gaze?」

Tamaki was dumbfounded and I caressed her as though I am pacifying her.

It is fine, you are fine just like that. Isn't there a saying that a kid is cuter when they are stupid?

Okay, let's put these aside. I turned to Lucia.

「If there is something you want to know, you can ask now.」

Lucia was originally looking at our interaction meekly, and only after I asked,

she recovered and looked at me.

We are both silent for a period of time. Ah, so awkward.....

Forget it, I will speak first.

「For example, you felt inconceivable that why I am afraid of a mere soldier.」

「Yes, Kazu-san, I felt that you are just like a cowardly normal person. But once you are in battle, then you can observe more calmly than anyone and make correct decisions.」

「That is because until the day that is 2 days ago, I was indeed a cowardly normal person. You also know it, that the reason why we could survive these 3 days was all due to the Skill System.」

But my mentality cannot grow just like skill. Perhaps after adding 《Clear Mind》, the result will be different, but sad to say, the effect of my Support Magic happened to end at that moment,

The me without magic support is only to this extent.

「Your situation is very unstable.」

「Mmm, I hope you can understand it..... Perhaps it will be smoother if you are responsible for command.」

Lucia shook her head.

「Even though there is only 3 days of experience, all of you have accumulated years of experience worth of normal people. From the familiar ways of battling, I know it. Comparatively, I don't even know what time to use the magic I have gotten and unable to utilise them.」

I see, that is indeed so.

I have already lost count of how many orcs I killed and the number of Hobgoblins are not little too.

And there is the Mekishu Grand, even facing that divine soldier level monster, we can face battle bravely.

In the battle with the monsters as our opponents, our abilities are indeed better than hers.

「You don't have to worry, Kazu-san, I don't intend to take away your position. Even if you are bad at everything except battle, I can also support you from behind. But I have some things that I must say..... Please do things properly as a commander, as long as you do that, the People of Light will gain courage from this party.」

I see, perhaps this is so. The reason why that soldier is so angry, is perhaps after seeing the highly anticipated strong reinforcement was a weak guy like me, and felt unhappy.

I shrugged my shoulders.

Ah, forget it. Currently it is better to settle the situation before us.

Then..... That's right, I have to ask another thing.

「Can you tell us the details about the Globster? Ah, because you have mentioned that name just now, so I remembered. What..... Is that?」

「Globster huh.....」

Lucia lowered her gaze and became silent for a moment.

As though being pushed by something to make her decision, she shook her head 2 to 3 times before raising to look at me.

「That is the motivation for the monsters to invade, and also the weapon to end everything.」

The princess of the ruined kingdom clenched her fists that were before her chest.

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Lucia began to explain. Globster is the contract for the monsters to come to this place.

She also did not know the reason, she only knew that the sacrificed girls will become energy to allow Globster to use its transfer gate function.

Other than that, if tokens are used to combine with it, it can produce monsters.

As for the latter, it should be the Wasp Nest that Arisu and the others saw in the cave. The girls are forced by the Globster to lay the wasp larvae, which is really a spine-chilling experience.

「Are only girls able to become sacrifices?」

「According to the reports, it seems to be like that, but I did not witness it personally before.」

I see, so that erotic CG like scene cannot be allowed to be seen by the princess.

It is also like that at our mountain, the orcs will only bring the girls to the cave. Those that can become sacrifices for the Globster, should only be girls.

This is that sort of world, the reason is probably about Mana is what and what, which must be causal. Regarding that, it is better to stop thinking about it.

In actuality, the Globster has already become the cornerstone of the monster invasion.

「If a Globster is in a place, then it will become the gathering point for the monsters. With the power of the transfer gate, then it can summon out new monsters continuously. Once it called out a few monsters like Mekishu Grand, then it is nearly impossible to get that land back.」

Ah —— indeed, that is really so.

Just now at Heshu ▪ Reshu ▪ Nashu, the Hobgoblin commander was forced to summon the Globster but that Globster only managed to summon out 1 Mekishu Grand.

When the city is occupied and there are girls to be used as sacrifices, then it can summon out more than 1 Mekishu Grand.

「Then once this land has a Globster..... it will be bad?」

「Yes. I am not sure about the conditions for the Globster to appear, but if there are too many divine soldiers level monsters appearing in the 23rd District, the upper echelon will abandon this place.」

「So they did not send out soldiers because they wanted to get this place back?」

「As long as we remove this land from the network of transfer gates, then there is no need to worry about the monsters appearing at the centre of the World Tree. We cannot just worry about reducing the number of enemies slowly today since tomorrow is the final battle.」

That's right. What exactly will happen tomorrow that will cause the destruction of the world?

To the leaders like Rin-san, the death of 100 soldiers are more important than the deaths of 1000 normal people. After all if they fail tomorrow, the people of this land will lose everything.

「Moreover Globster can transfer the worlds. A few of the kingdoms after being occupied for long periods of time by the monsters, they became a strange demon world that no humans can live in.」

「The demon world is.....」

「Grassland with rotting smell, forests with disgusting creatures like in hell, and murky lake with poison etc..... I heard that it is very scary world.」

Ah——so to say, it will feel that the normal land will become a rotting sea?

How long will it take to become like that? In the mountain we are at, we finished that thing off in the morning on the 3rd day.....

「Mmm, since it is like that, then we better find the Globster quickly and crush it.」

「Right, leave it to me! I will Paa—— and cut that weird monster to death!」

Tamaki is full of energy as usual.

Mmm, argh—— fine, I will await that.

We can only keep Mia's skill points, hence we returned to the original place.

Mia: Level 20 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 7 Skill Point 2



As we returned from the white room——

Tamaki immediately sweep over with her sword, finishing off the reminder 2 spider-human.

At this time, the Arachne that was defeated in the beginning became a gem.

It's a blue gem.

Woah—— so one of this fellow has the strength of approximately an Elite orc? With that power, a normal soldier will be useless against it.

The village in the tree began to move, and Arachnes peeked out from various tree holes.

Tamaki followed the plan and did not ran too far, but head carelessly towards the 2 Arachnes that got near.

The Arachnes stopped and shot out white threads from their mouths.

「Wahh, wah——!」

Tamaki who is too hyped up, dived into the spiderweb and in the end she was completely entangled within it.

A human-sized cocoon is done.

Ah—— really, I had already warned her!

But luckily we are just about 30m away from Tamaki, it is a range where attack magic can hit.

「Lucia, use 《Fire Arrow》, the target is Tamaki.」

「Huh.....? Y..Yes!」

Lucia seemed to be at a loss for a moment, but still followed my order and used 《Fire Arrow》. The 5 arrows hit Tamaki who was entangled within the white threads.

The cocoon began to burn.

Since Tamaki has the effect of 《Resist Element: Fire》 on her, so she will not suffer too much injuries.

Indeed as I had expected, Tamaki jumped out of the cocoon while screaming “hot”. She used her strength to swing the white sword and scatter the spiderweb that were on fire away.

A part of the web that is on fire, flew to the side of the Arachnes and the spider-humans began to try and extinguish the fire in a panic.

As Lucia had said, there was a heavy rain yesterday. So the trees had absorbed huge amount of water from the roots, and even the barks are wet. Thanks to that, the branches have yet to catch on fire.

「Now, Arisu, Mia」

「Yes!」

「Nnn.」

Arisu rushed out directly. The 《Lightning Arrow》 that was released by Mia, had pierced the Arachnes. Tamaki kept spinning in the air, and was completely giddy, and her steps are also shaky.

「Ahh, Kazu-san, save me——!」

Oi, I had said.....

Ah, forget it, she did fulfil her role as bait.

When Arisu’s spear ran through the heart of one of the Arachne, I leveled up.



We are sent to the white room.



Arisu worriedly asked her best friend who just cover in fire just now:「Are you okay, Tamaki?」

「I am fine, thanks to 《Resist Element》, actually it is not very hot!」

「Sorry, Tamaki. But at that time, I felt that it was best to do that.」

「I know, Kazu-san..... but——」

Tamaki gazed at me while saying and laughing with hehe.

「I am waiting for you to console me properly.」

「Ah——nnn, that is of course, will definitely do it until Tamaki is satisfied.」

I caressed Tamaki's head, and she closed her eyes in comfort. Mmm, that should be enough.

「Then I intend to raise Summon Magic next.」

「Is it okay not to raise Support Magic?」

Arisu was very surprised.

After we formed a 5 member party, if we raise the Rank of Support Magic, then the effect of raising our combat power is also very obvious.....

If we had increased our vanguard then it is fine, but currently there are already 3 people as the rearguard.

「There are too many enemies, if there is a convenient shield, then Arisu can concentrate as a defender. As for Tamaki's support, we can leave it to the familiars, after all leaving Tamaki alone is..... you understand?」

「Ah..... right.」

「Huh? What? Why is Kazu-san and Arisu seemed to be looking at each other and talking in telepathy?」

You still could ask why, in the chain of battles, the answer is already very clear.....

Leaving a kid like you alone is too dangerous. But that is also your good point.

At least I feel that being able to face an unknown enemy and yet still able to dash forward fearlessly, is a good point. If it is Mia, then she will probably be

too cautious.

「Hmm, a suitable person for a suitable task.」

「Is..... That so?」

Lucia tilted her head in confusion. Hmm, that, it is fine even if you don't understand this sort of trust.

So I raised Summon Magic to Rank 8.

Kazuhisa: Level 26 Support Magic 5/ Summon Magic 7→8 Skill Points 9→1



We return to the original place.

The second 《Lightning Arrow》 that Mia had released, shot towards the last Arachne immediately, taking its life.

Its corpse returned into a blue gem.

Yes, it was successful. Though I said so, the enemies have already noticed us and are gathering from everywhere.

Since it have come to this, it seems like there isn't enough people at the vanguard.....

「《Summon Greater Elemental: Fire》」

A giant who is over 2m tall and wrapped in flames asked my calls, and appeared before me, with a scimitar wrapped in flames.

Rank 8 Summon Magic summons out a higher Ranked version of the Rank 5 Elemental, and this time the Fire Elemental that appeared is bigger than the Rank 5 version.

The combat power of the 2 are quite far apart too. The fighting ability of the familiar is 2 Ranks lower than my Skill Rank, hence this Fire Elemental should be about just as strong as Arisu.

「Mia, help him.....」

「Mmm, 《Fly》」

Mia's fly magic reached here and the Fire Elemental's body began to float

gently in the air. I also added 《Keen Weapon》,《Physical Up》,《Mighty Arm》 on the Fire Elemental.

「Arisu, retreat! Fire Elemental, replace Arisu and support Tamaki! Go!」

「I understand, Master.」

The Fire Elemental replied with a rough voice and flew into the sky. Lucia, Mia and I gradually rose steady while being protected by Arisu.

In this period of time, Tamaki and the Fire Elemental kept weakening the attacks of the enemy, heading into their formation and destroying everything. When they defeated yet another Arachne, Lucia said:「I leveled up.」

The next second, we are sent to the white room.

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「The experience from the Arachne is definitely equal to 5 orcs.」

After calculating the experience points, we nodded to each other.

Ah ah——in other words, comparing with the Elite Orcs, their power is slightly..... weaker.

Hmm, because we have already become too strong, I can no longer remember the strength of the Elite Orc. And just yesterday, it was still a terrifying enemy.

Lucia: Level 11 Fire Magic 5→6 Skill Point 7→1

Lucia pressed the enter key with her snow-white finger stiffly.

We left the white room.



With the Fire Elemental protecting Tamaki's back, they began to create chaos within the Arachne group with just a person and a familiar.

Even the advantage of the battlefield is with Tamaki. On the narrow bridge, there can only be 1 enemy attacking on each side respectively.

As the lower body of the Arachnes are like a spider, so their bodies are wider than a human's. Because of that, there are signs of congestion in the place where over 20 enemies have appeared.

Good, as long as this continues.....

「So easy!」

Tamaki cried out. Oi, that kind of action is called a death flag.

I don't know if it was because of the flag she set, or the timing is just right. The Arachnes suddenly retreated and began heading back.

「Huh, what?」

Just as Tamaki was feeling abit troubled——

The Arachnes who were scattered around the bridge, shoot out webs together.

What they shot out, is not the type which has sticky properties and scatters over a wide area, but the long and tough types. These passed overhead of Tamaki and stuck onto the tree on the opposite side.

Then the Arachnes jumped together, and using the web as a rope, they began to jump around steadily as though they are on strings. With their figures, some jumped from 10m away while some jumped from over 20m away, towards Tamaki from all directions.

This is..... bad.

「Mia, 《Reverse Gravity》! Lucia use your attacks!」

「Nnn, 《Reverse Gravity》」

「《Firestorm》」

Mia used Rank 7 Wind Magic《Reverse Gravity》, removing the gravity around Tamaki. While Tamaki used the power of 《Fly》 to turn around and grabbed onto the handles on the bridge with her left hand.

Considering the power of gravity, the Arachne jumped diagonally, thinking of passing over the target—— Tamaki.

At this time, Lucia's Rank 6 Fire Magic 《Firestorm》 assaulted over there.

The violent flames torched the web, causing the bodies of the Arachnes to burn. In pain, they could only fly pass Tamaki and rammed the opposite tree hard.

And finally dropping powerlessly below.

Those that fell, it is a total of 4, 5..... 6. Those fellows had crashed suddenly onto the group and breathed their last, turning into blue gems. The last 3 are still stubbornly sticking onto the tree.

「《Lightning Arrow》」

「《Fire Arrow》」

Mia and Lucia used the lightning arrow and fire arrows, and each of them stuck onto the Arachnes that stuck stubbornly. With these lethal attacks, the Arachnes fell down, obtaining the same ending as their friends.

Tamaki returned to the bridge.

「Woahh—— that scared me to death——!」

「Sorry, Tamaki.」

「No, I was saved. Good judgement, Kazu-san!」

Only 10 odd Arachnes are left, and those are also so scared until they have started retreating.

Taking the chance—— we rushed to Tamaki's side. Even though her clothes are abit burnt, but Tamaki still received me with a brilliant smile.

「We did it!」

「Thanks to you. But the enemy have yet.....」

「They are coming.」

Arisu screamed out loudly. I followed her line of sight, happening to see 2 Arachnes in green long robes coming out from a treehole. These 2 monsters pointed towards Tamaki.

「Huh? St...strange.....」

Tamaki's eyes turned hollow, and her hands relaxes, dropping the white sword on the bridge.

「Tamaki!」

Not only that, her body began to shake, nearly falling down from the bridge on the trees. Arisu rushed over, barely managing to catch Tamaki's body.

But the effect of 《Fly》 should still be effective on Tamaki, even if she fell, she will be fine.

No..... perhaps it will not be like that, maybe she don't even have the power to fly.

Just now that was..... I glared at the Arachnes in the green long robes.

「It's magic! Arisu, use 《Cure Mind》 on Tamaki! Mia, Lucia, attack those Ma.....」

Before I could finish my instructions, Mia and Lucia called out「《Lightning Arrow》」and「《Firestorm》」respectively, and shooting their attack magic.

But the Arachne Mages reached out with both their hands at the same time, and a rainbow membrane appeared before them.

Huh? That — — chills went down my spine.

「Shit, that is the enemy's 《Reflection》.」

I immediately went in front of everyone.

《Lightning Arrow》 and 《Firestorm》 was repelled before the Arachne Mages' hands, and came back towards us.

If that is so, then I will do that too!

「《Reflection》」

Because of the rainbow barrier that I made, the 《Lightning Arrow》 that Mia released, is reflected back again.

Even if I have the barrier, I can't guard against the 《Firestorm》, so I can only take it directly.....

Luckily there is the effect of 《Resist Element: Fire》, so I only burnt my hair abit.

The lightning arrows that were reflected twice, attacked the Arachne Mages, and this time, they seemed to be unable to reflect it. The 2 Arachne Mages were pierced by the arrows. They twitched their bodies, crying out in anguish.

That was too close!

Then again, I didn't expect that monsters can use《Reflection》 too.....

Before that, the reason why Tamaki was dazed, was indeed due to the effect of some magic. Anyway it feels like the symptom is similar to the magic that bewitches the opponent — — which is Rank 4 Fire Magic 《Candle Daze》.

《Candle Daze》 can cause fire to appear on the object they see, making them engross in it.

But this time, I did not see any similar flames near Tamaki, so it should be a different magic.

Perhaps it is a magic that does not belong to what we can learn from our Skill System.

They can use support magic and a magic from another system? No, they perhaps have an unique magic system—— like Arachne Magic for example?

No matter which type they are, they are a troublesome enemy, I wanted to defeat them quickly.

「Fire Elemental, rush in! Tamaki, you.....」

「I am already fine! How dare you all!」

Tamaki picked up her sword.

The Fire Elemental and Tamaki rushed towards the Arachne Mages who had their posture destroyed. The normal Arachnes swamped towards us from the bridge, seemingly wanting to stop us.....

This time I need to call out more guards.

「《Summon Greater Elemental: Wind》」

A translucent beauty with long blue hair answered my call, and appeared before me.

She is the Greater Wind Elemental.

「Use the wind to shake the bridge.」

「Yes, Master.」

She followed my commands and created a storm. The bridge connecting to us, is shaking violently due to the strong winds, and the Arachnes on the bridge felt hard to retreat or advance. Although in the end they will use their threads as ropes to escape, but the few seconds currently is very precious to us.

「Attack the Arachnes. There is no need to defeat them, just let them be in chaos.」

「Understood, Master.」



The Wind Elemental dance in the mid air and attacked the Arachnes on the bridge. The Arachnes shot at the approaching Wind Elementals with arrows.

But in the next second, violent wind appeared in the surroundings of the Wind Elementals. The wind barrier twisted the trajectory of the arrows and not one of them hit the beauty in the wind.

It is the same for spider webs, the white threads that flew that the Wind Elementals were scattered to the left and right.

Even though they wanted to leave the unstable bridge, but it is not good to jump now as they will not know where they will land, and in the end the Arachnes are kept in the same state. The Wind Elemental also did not approach easily, keeping the distance where the spears can't reach, disturbing the Arachnes.

Very good, she is smart. Now.....

I returned back. Tamaki had reached the Arachne Mages at this timing, and had used her white sword to cut one of the monsters along with its robe.

The Arachne Mage gave out a cry, wanting to put some distance between Tamaki and himself.....

「《Electric Stun》」

The paralysing magic that Mia casted had restrained the Arachne Mages' movements.

Tamaki gave a cry and swung the sword in her hand. Even so, the Arachne Mage still stubbornly..... Rolled his body. The spider human's left hand flew and blue blood is scattered in the air.

Tamaki turned her sword in another direction, wanting to follow up.....

「Tamaki, be careful of the 《Reflection》!」

I immediately called out.

At nearly the same time, the Arachne Magic reached out with its remaining right hand, but.....

「I wouldn't let you have it!」

Tamaki changed the timing when she swing her sword slightly.

First she took half a step and twist, her controlled movements are very artistic. The Arachne Mage took Tamaki's luring trap and had the rainbow barrier appear before itself.

The barrier that it used had the same effective period as my 《Reflection》, which is just a short while. Once we endured that short period of time, the Arachne Mage will have no more method of protecting itself.

Tamaki did a horizontal slash at the perfect timing, cutting off its head. The Arachne Mage breathed its last and disappeared, leaving 3 blue gems.

「I leveled up.」

Lucia said.



We were sent to the white room.

This time I had her keep her skill points too. Anyway, I better praise Tamaki's actions first.

「You can praise me more, Kazu-san!」

I caressed Tamaki's head and she began to smile happily again.

「But, you should still properly guard against.....」

「I know, I will be careful!」

Did she really understand..... I felt abit uneasy.

Forget it, just by minding these kind of small things, it will not affect too much.

We left the white room immediately.

Lucia: Level 12 Fire Magic 6 Skill Point 3



We returned to the original place.

Lucia assisted the Fire Elemental immediately, forcing the other Arachne Mage to its doom. First she used 《Fire Arrow》 to cause damage, then use

《Flame Bound》 to restrain it.

The Arachne Mage also cast magic towards here and shadow hands began extending towards us.

I hurriedly flew to the sky but Lucia was bounded by those hands and began shrieking.

Her pained expression is also very graceful..... Argh, I wasn't going to talk about this!

「Arisu, use 《Dispel》!」

「Ah, yes! 《Dispel》.」

Arisu used Rank 3 Healing Magic《Dispel》, it has the ability to remove the magic that is present, which is turning everything back to zero. The shadow hands vanished after being in contact with the clenishing light released by Arisu, and Lucia who was released from the bindings, took distance between herself and the enemy.

Good — I turned my side to the last Arachne Magic. That guy is alone without any protection, and he was attacked by the Fire Elemental until blue blood kept flowing out..

「Mmm, this side too.《Electric Stun》.」

Mia gave the support at an appropriate timing and Tamaki who defeated the first Arachne Mage also came back to enter into the battle.

Now that it has come to this, the Arachne Mage that has his support delayed, no longer had any chance of winning. Finally, the decisive blow was also dealt by Tamaki.

「I feel that I am almost doing nothing.....」

Arisu smiled bitterly.

「I leveled up.」

「Yeah!」

「Nnn.」

3 of them leveled up?

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Tamaki, Arisu, and Mia rose to level 21 at the same time.

Perhaps this is only expected. There is only the difference of 30 experience point between Tamaki and Arisu, and the difference between Arisu and Mia is only 20 points.

Comparatively, we can attain 60 experience points by defeating 1 Arachne. If it is the Arachne Mage, then it must be close to 200 points.

「Then again, Lucia, with this, we have defeated the leaders of the Arachnes. Do you think that they will retreat with this?」

Lucia shook her head.

「The Arachne that can use magic is not the leader, their leader is normally a vanguard type called Champion.」

Huh, is that true?

Ah—— did Lucia just say Champion? Is this due to the naming rule, and auto translated by the system.....?

「So to say, for the species of Arachne, other than the Mage and Champion, are there any others?」

「There seems to be one that evolved with jumping power in mind, called Jumper. Other than that, I have heard that there is a frightening individual called Legend. Some judged that it is a delusion of the soldiers who meet it..... but if the Legend does exist, with that sort of combat power, it is definitely judged as Divine Soldier Class.」

Woah —— what is this. Divine Soldier Class..... is that the same type of monster like Mekishu Grand?

If this sort of enemy appears together with an army.....

Don't joke about it. When we fought against Mekishu Grand, it was because

there is only one of that, that is why we could barely win.

If we met that kind of enemy in a royal rumble, then the situation will not only become tough but very risky.

「But if the leader is here, then it will be strange if it does not come out now.」

Tamaki raised a reasonable doubt.

「Hmm, is it because the Arachnes in that place, are the ones left by the main troops which went to chase after the People of Light?」

「You are right, Mia. The Champion could be in charge of commanding the main troops, so if there is really a Legend, then the possibility of it being there is very high.」

Lucia smiled and said:

「In other words, there are a few choices before us. One of them is to assault the enemy that is faraway from the main troops, and gain experience and result. We will get more power with our words and Rin will also be happy. The tough battle that the main troop of the People of Light will be facing, is also nothing but a small matter.」

「Hoho, so evil!」

Mia raised both her hands and shouted happily.

Why do you look so happy?

I say, I get this feeling that I have seen that smile somewhere before.....

「Lucia is really like Shiki-san.」

「Ah, you really think so? Actually me too.」

Arisu opened her mouth and spoke hesitantly.

Actually to Arisu's character, these sort of words are quite rare. Ah, even though she did not expect it to be so herself.

「Even though we met with such a situation, we should scout the village for the survivors and Globster. After all the Globster is a target that we must absolutely defeat, and saving the survivors will increase our opinions.」

「Hmm, Lucia-chi, you are Shiki-chi number 2.」

Mia nodded, seemingly very satisfied and placed her hand on Lucia's shoulder.

Lucia tilted her head in bewilderment.

Wait until the transfer gate to the mountain is opened successfully, then we can introduce you to each other.....

Okay then again—— I peeked at Lucia.

Did she consider the attitude that the soldier had towards me, so that is why she deliberately tried to incite me?

Towards the guy that looked down on me, we should give them back the suitable revenge.

That's right, Lucia could be using words to induce and try to probe me.

Did she want to see how I will be influenced by my emotions? Or perhaps wanted to see if I can still make judgement based on reasonings when my pride is wounded?

Actually, my thoughts will not be affected by that sort of damage..... that is what I thought.

Hmm, because I was angrier yesterday night. Even when Shiba took Arisu, I could still think about methods that does not involve killing him.....

In the end, I judged that letting him live will only cause harm.

That decision was made after I had thought about it deeply.

Shiki-san had also agreed to it.

So, the judgement that I had this time, is probably correct too.

「Let us confirm the base plan first. Even if the Arachnes escape, we will not chase, we just need to occupy the gathering place.」

This time, we still continue keeping the skill points.

Then we returned to the original place.

Arisu: Level 21 Spear Skill 6／Healing Magic 5 Skill Point 6

Tamaki: Level 21 Sword Skill 8／Physical 1 Skill Point 5

Mia: Level 21 Earth Magic 4／Wind Magic 7 Skill Point 4



We returned from the white room.

The Arachnes immediately escape in chaos.

Ah, once they they noticed that the Mage had been taken care of, they escaped. Hmm, it must be because they no longer had any chance of winning and their boss that they are supposed to protect is already dead.

Afterall it is troublesome to fight them one by one, so this is fine.

I ordered the familiar not to chase them too deeply in.

Before I could give out this instruction, the Greater Wind Elemental have already released an electric strike and defeated an Arachne.



After the enemies have all escaped..

Other than the original 2 familiars, I summoned out another 5 crows and had them scout in the tree holes after casting 《Deflection Spell》then《Night Sight》on them to let them see clearly in the dark. If there is an ambush in the treehole, or there are traps, then the ones defeated will only be the familiars so there will not be any problems.

Before long, one of the crows that was scouting in the bigger tree holes came back.

Through a spirit connection, I was informed that a certain tree hole has the Globster within it.

The intense atmosphere spreaded among us.

「Tamaki, Arisu, the 2 of you will stay alert and get closer to see if the Globster is summoning any monster. If it is confirmed that there is danger, fly and escape.」

I had Mia recast 《Fly》 on them and instructed them.

Mia, Lucia and I were following behind Tamaki and Arisu's back.

We did not meet with any ambush that we were worried about. The space in the tree hole is about the size of a classroom, and in the middle, there is a lump of flesh quivering around.

It's Globster.

In the dim area, a disgusting stench that causes one to pinch his nose drifted over. It smells like perfume and faeces mixed together.

There are sounds of female groans and breathing roughly inside.

Just as I have expected, there are a few females buried within the flesh of the Globster. From the looks of their faces and the 2 pairs of ears, they should be the People of Light.

Every time the Globsters moves, the females will give out sound which I don't know if it is from pain or pleasure.

The sweat bathed snow white skin glittered under the sunlight that shone into the cave. I could not help but swallow my saliva, which attracted the glares by Arisu and Tamaki.

「Hmm, Kazu-chi is a boy, so this is something that can't be helped.」

「Mia, you don't have to act as an understanding girl at such timings.」

I shall leave that first, as we have to save them.

This job..... will be better left to Arisu and Tamaki who have had experience before. I gave them instructions.

「Mia, you will come with me, and look at the other tree holes. If we just have the familiar scout, perhaps there maybe some afraid citizens that continued hiding in fear.」

「Oh—— I want to see too, I can use it as future reference.」

What reference!

I dragged Mia who is grumbling and move away.

「Lucia, you are in charge of supervising and taking care of the people who are rescued.」



「I know, please be careful.」

Ah, anyway, I am just finding an excuse to leave the scene.

Honestly speaking, I don't wish to see girls become in that state.

Although after seeing that scene will make my instinct burn, but if I keep staring at their pitiful looks, then it will make me feel apologetic.

「Kazu-chi, if you are thinking of ecchi stuff.....」

I flickered Mia's forehead when she was about to say something weird. She pressed on her forehead and glared at me after raising her head unhappily.

「We are still on the battlefield, so don't think of useless things. That sort of action is a death flag.」

「Woah, why will Kazu-chi say words like death flag. So I was saying people mix up reality and delusions are——」

Mia shrugged her shoulders exaggeratedly.

That smiling face make me feel like punishing her.

「Do it seriously. The most scary thing is suffering an ambush after we thought that we had won.」

「Hmm, if we can detect that surrounding atmosphere then it will be good. It is during such times, I wish to borrow my brother's power.」

Ah—— because a ninja is very dependable in such timings.

And such times also made me want someone who has Rank 1 Detection Skill.

..... Someone who has Detection Skill.

「The best on the ground is probably Earth Elemental, while reading the air current is the Wind Elemental.」

「Is it impossible on the trees?」

「We could use 《Summon Invisible Scout》.....」

Rank 8 Summon Magic 《Summon Invisible Scout》 can call out scouts who are transparent.

This sort of familiar is apt at hiding and seeking out the enemy, but it doesn't

have combat power at all. Although it is specially for scouting but it surprisingly need 64 MP which is alot.....

「If we are surprised and ambushed , then we are goners.」

「You are right.」

「I also don't wish to remove the Fire Elemental. The familiars' healing can be left to Arisu-chi and Lucia-chi, even if we don't use Support Magic, as long as we discover the enemy first..... then we can act first, and use Lucia's Fire Magic to wipe them out.」

I see, no wonder she is Mia, she actually came out with a plan to deal with it in a while.

If that is so..... then we may have to increase the number of familiars to 3.....

First discussing on a concrete battle plan, we patrol the streets that were destroyed.

We can see bodies of the People of Light everywhere, and gems that have fallen to the ground. We don't even know if they defeated those and we collected all the gems together.

Including those we defeated, there is a total of 21 blue gems.

Adding with the gems from the past, the number of tokens is 810, which is about enough to buy something good.

But what if the Vendor machine come out with something that we wanted.....

Mmm—— this is a hard choice.

「Perhaps we can save and buy Lucia-chi's Magic Release.」

「Then we need 2000 tokens.」

That's right, to obtain the special ability "Magic Release" that Lucia has, we need more than 2 times of all of our tokens. Mia's power can be raised with this, but she don't think that this will be useful for attack magic.

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「Currently we do not need it. But one day, an enemy that requires us to do so may appear.」

Mia said.

Hmm—— is this referring to a stronger foe than Mekishu Grand?

If in addition..... Lucia's Fire Magic is useless against that opponent.

The worse is that, the possibility of it being so is really high.

The combat power of the monsters are really high, if that limit continues to grow.....

The limit of our Skill Rank is 9.

We have already reached the peak but the enemies are getting stronger.....

This is a nightmare.

「It will be fine, there will definitely be some way.」

Then again, just how much of my inner thoughts were discovered by Mia?

She smiled and floated slightly with 《Fly》, and caressed my head from somewhere that is slightly higher than where I am.

Hmm—— I was consoled.

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After considering, I still used 《Summon Invisible Scout》.

The transparent familiar appeared before me..... probably.

I can't see it.

So there is no other choice, I had to use Rank 3 Support Magic 《See Invisibility》.

This magic can only be used on myself and the effect is quite lasting. For the current me, the effect of being able to see invisible beings will last for at least 2.5h.

After being able to see invisible beings, a hunchback humanoid that is completely black in colour appeared before.

Wrong, I am just seeing the Invisible Scout who was originally before me.

Even after using 《See Invisibility》, the shape of the Invisible Scout remains murky, and I can't see his expression clearly. Or perhaps, he was a creature like this since the very beginning.

「Go patrol and see if there is any enemy in the surroundings of this village.」

「Yes, Master.」

The Invisible Scout used a hoarse female voice to reply and ran off.

She disappeared before me in an incredible speed. Hmm—— so it is a female familiar. Forget it, actually whether it is a male or female, there is no difference. Just for scouting, I have to use 64MP..... is it really worth it?

This time, it is because we are completely unsure of where the enemies are at, that's why I used it.

Perhaps we should borrow someone for scouting from the People of Light. Because I felt that socialising is troublesome so I have ran out as though we are escaping but I didn't expect it to come back and bite me in this way.

We returned to the tree hole that the Globster was in. The girls who were rescued from the lump of flesh are completely naked and leaning by the wall powerlessly. I turned my sight away immediately.

I can no longer see the figure of the Globster in the hole, it is probably defeated by Arisu and the others.

I remembered that it will drop 1 yellow gem?

It is worth 100 tokens which is quite lucrative.

But the Globster does not have any experience. Ah, it didn't have much combat power too, perhaps it is due to that. Anyway there is too much mystery with it.

「The 8 people who were absorbed into the Globster, were all safely rescued.」

Arisu reported that to me.

「Lucia-san said that it is because they were rescued from the Globster shortly after they were absorbed,」

「That's really..... good. Yeah, so it is like this, we rescued the people in the mountain on the morning of the 3rd day.」

「Yes. If it is within half a day, then nothing too crazy will happen. For the conserving the power to transfer, they need at least 1 day to keep absorbing live sacrifices. If it wanted to use more energy, then it seemed that it will take longer.」

I see so the enemy can't summon the Globster recklessly huh?

As they need over a day, this means they will be exposing their weakness.

When we defeated the Globster, only 2 days have passed, that should be the important time that it needed.

「But the Globster that was summoned out in the city that was flooded, it had called out Mekishu Grand immediately」

「Perhaps what they called out is one that had fully absorbed the sacrifices that are nearby. We have also suffered such surprise attacks before, but during those times, the Globster will exhaust all its energy.」

I see, as long as the enemy have made ample preparations, such things can happen too.....

This time, the enemy had completely thought that it will win, and the monsters did not expect that we will conduct a surprise attack.

This allowed us to take advantage of the enemy's carelessness. Or perhaps this is natural, after all just how many People of Light soldiers will it take to defeat the Arachne that are watching this area? From the movements of the army, they will be noticed by the Arachne main army.

The possibility of hiding a hundred man army and making a surprise attack here.....

There..... shouldn't be any.

We are a small party with overwhelming power, that is why we could take them by surprise. Currently the monsters did not expect the existence of such a party like us, then..... just what should we do next?

「Have the main troop of the People of Light made contact with the main force of the enemy?」

I questioned Lucia.

The silver-hair girl with red eyes, supported her chin with her hand and replied after considering for a bit:「from the looks just now, if they don't cross arms at least once, the soldiers will be probably revolted in anger.」

「In other words, although the commander does not want to fight, but he will still have a bout with the monsters?」

「He wanted to preserve as much fighting power as possible, for the sake of tomorrow's battle.」

The soldiers are really hot-blooded.

Just now we were targeted by those people, although I felt that it was troublesome..... but their hometown was invaded, so it is natural for them to get angry..... that's right, we should not mistake our enemies.

The gaze that the People of Light soldiers had towards us, were a bit cold. But that is because they strongly wish to protect their hometown, that's why they

are unrestrained.

They still have some value, and there is only one thing that we should do.

I raised my head.

「We will turn back now, and assault the Arachne main troop that the People of Light is engaging with now. Then together with the People of Light, we will do a pincer attack and crush the enemy.」

After I decided our direction, I looked around.

Arisu and Tamaki who trusted in me unconditionally, nodded.

After slightly thinking about it, Mia tilted her head and said:「Mmm, we still have to look at the number of enemies?」

「Lucia, do you know how many Arachne are there?」

「From the news that we have gotten from the people that we rescued from the Globster, there are at most 500.」

500, that is the biggest number that Rin had estimated before. If they are all small fries, then it will be fine, but once we consider that among them, there are the Mages that we had just fought. And the Champion and Legend that Lucia had heard from the rumours, then it will be rash to rush in with just us.

From another point of view, we could just defeat the Mage, Champion and Legend that the People of Light cannot handle. By doing so, then there will be meaning to calling out the Invisible Scout.

First we will let the Invisible Scout to scout the enemy forces, then find out the position of the leader when the Arachne group is fighting against the People of Light.

We will take out the leader, then leave in the greatest speed and repeat the same movement.

The basic direction is like that, so with that, I briefly explained to everyone about my views.

「I feel that this tactic is not bad.」

Lucia said so calmly.

But the princess of the ruined kingdom added another「but」.

「The risk is too high. First of all, we are not sure if the People of Light will be able to show their true strength against the Arachne.」

「Then what do you think we should do?」

「We should wait until the People of Light army is about to be destroyed, then enter while the Arachne are beginning to hunt. If the normal People of Light citizens are escaping everywhere, then naturally the forces of the enemy will also scatter.」

Woah—— incredible—— that's really cold-hearted.

But perhaps doing so, is the safest. This way we can kill their leader during the timing that they thought that they had won.

If it is successful, we can eliminate many Arachnes while the enemy is confused. Even if we are surrounded by enemies, the current us have many ways of dealing with it.

But that is only when we can defeat the leader ranked monsters first, then there will be an after.....

Since that is so, it is better to target the area where the enemy is careless.

Lucia's battle plan is very correct, just like Shiki-san, a very correct opinion.

But ——

「Rejected.」

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I shook my head while saying that.

「Using this method will not gain the trust of the People of Light. Even if we win the battle today, we will not be able to cooperate with them tomorrow.」

Lucia looked at me and grinned.

「I thought so too.」

「You are testing me right?」

「Yes.」



Ah ah, this girl did not even feel shy about that!

Even in that area, she is like Shiki-san. Ah, that is fine.....

「Then, how much is my answer worth?」

「With 100 as a full score, probably around 65.」

「Which part is bad? Do tell me so I can learn.」

「Your aim is slightly shakened. To gain experience points, protecting the People of Light, or show our strength to them, you should decide on your goal and then take action. If we follow the rules of this system, the easiest method to level is by defeating many small fries. You said that defeating the leader is the shortcut to level up, I felt that you are just trying to justify yourself.」

Ah — she is right, damn.

Every word that she said is correct, really like Shiki-san.

「Since you took my suggestion as a stepping stone, then what do you think we should do?」

「We should let the People of Light see our power, with the ability to say out views as the goal. First we should have everyone get closer to the leader of the enemy with 《Greater Invisibility》, then after defeating it, we should leave the remaining enemies. Then while clearing the small fries, we will meet up with the People of Light and retreat when we see the chance to. As long as the People of Light army is smart, they will leave the battlefield with us.」

That is a plan that we could find no problem with.

The best thing is, we could reduce our danger level to the lowest.

If there is an if, we could also push all the enemies to the People of Light.

Then again, Lucia definitely had seen this.

Is this girl bullied by the People of Light? While thinking about that, I glared at Lucia.

Lucia accepted my glare quietly, and even looked back without turning away.

It seems like she is still testing me.

No, perhaps it is like that in reality.

To Lucia, am I a trustworthy commander? I get this feeling that she is measuring my ability.

Woah woah, the pressure is intense.

「I understand, I will take your suggestion. I will trouble you for later too.」

Once I finished, Lucia lifted the corner of her mouth slightly.

This time, her smile is more natural than before.

At this nice timing, the Invisible Scout came back.

「Master, there are no signs of the enemy.」

「I understand. Then let's move out.」

Hearing a female hoarse voice from out of nowhere, other than Mia and me, the others got a shock.

I told them that I summoned out an Invisible Scout and had her scout out our surroundings.

「As for the girls that we rescued, we will just have them hide in here.」

「If possible, it is better to hide in other tree holes. The possibility of the monsters utilising Globster to retreat is very high. I will tell them like that.」

「I understand. Lucia, I will leave that to you.」

Regarding the area on communicating, Lucia is a person of this world, so she should have an education befitting that of a princess, so there is no other more suitable person than her.

Just from this, it is worth bringing her here..... if she can help out even more, then it will make me happier.

Hmm, originally this should be..... something that we are happy about.

We should take the time now to discuss abit.

Everyone finished preparing in a few minutes.

I sent the crows back, the rest of it can be left to the Invisible Scout.

After using 《Deflection Spell》 and getting the effect of Mia's 《Fly》, we flew into the sky again.